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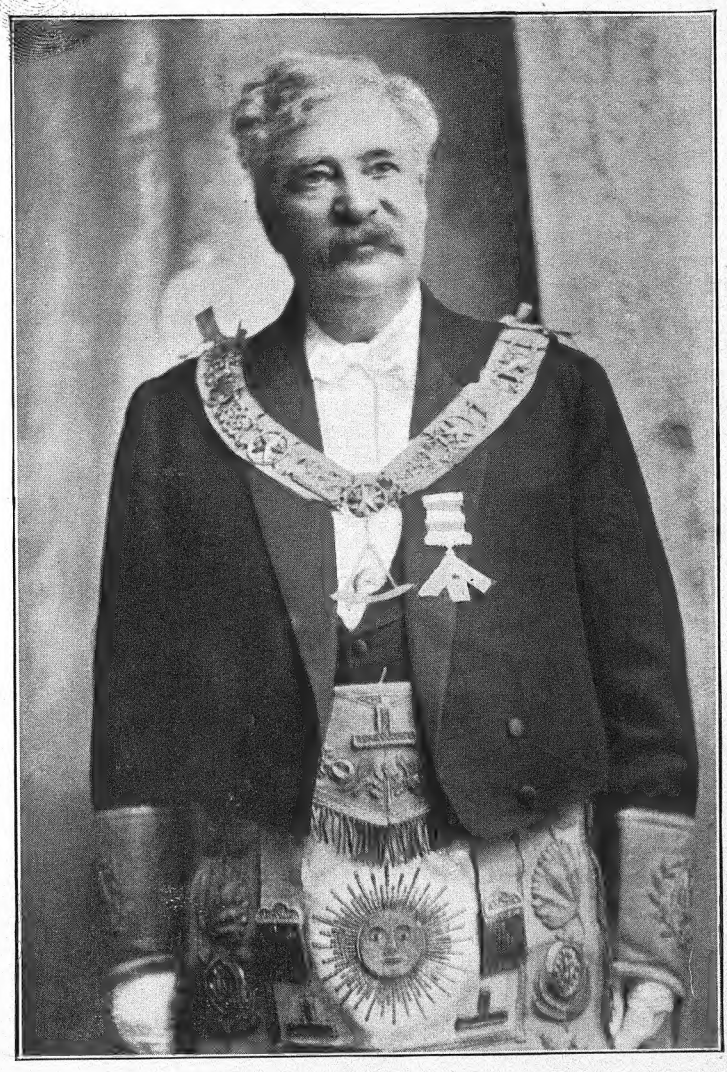

ROBERT PATTERSON, Grand Master.

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Seventh Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple at the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, May 29th, A.D. 1912, A.L. 5912, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT :

GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb (4), Lethbridge. . ...Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Macleod. .. ... Deputy Grand Master
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R.W. Bro. J. T. Stephenson (31), Taber. . . . .D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Dr. C. W. Field (25), Vegreville..... . . .. D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Duff (16), Olds..... .. .. .D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Andrew Reid (18), Ponoka.... ... . D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. George Legler (17), Nanton..... . .D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Binns (55), Bassano..... . . ...D.D.G.M.
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P.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson (12), Red Deer..... .....D.D.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary... . .....Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary..... ... Grand Registrar
V.W. Bro. H. J. Robie (9), Calgary.....Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. E. Adams (4), Lethbridge.....Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. L. S. Hanson-Powter (55), Bassano.....Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. G. W. Marriott (11), Edmonton South...Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. D. McBean (36), Gleichen.....:.. .....Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. D. McIntosh (51), Edmonton.....Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins (33), Stavely..... ....Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. A. G. Studer (21), Didsbury.....Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. T. M. Turnbull (7), Edmonton.....Grand Pursuivant
Bro. R. H. Finch (9), Calgary.....Grand Tyler

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M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop (14), Edmonton ..... Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Edmonton ..... Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Calgary ..... Past Grand Master
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R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Calgary ..... Past Senior Grand Warden
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R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Webb (7), Edmonton ..... Past Grand Chaplain

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Delaware	M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald	Calgary
District of Columbia	M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson	Macleod
England	M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite	Edmonton
Georgia	V.W. Bro. F. R. Exham	Calgary
Idaho	M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb	Lethbridge
Illinois	R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson	Edmonton
Maine	R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner	Macleod
Michigan	M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor	Edmonton
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Nevada	R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Webb	Edmonton
New Hampshire	V.W. Bro. H. J. Robie	Calgary
New Jersey	R.W. Bro. M. J. Macleod	Edmonton
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald	Calgary
Nova Scotia	R.W. Bro. Robert Scott	Carstairs
South Australia	W. Bro. G. T. Bragg	Edmonton
Tennessee	V.W. Bro. Jas. I. Brewster	Bowden
Utah	R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod	Calgary
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Victoria	W. Bro. J. C. F. Bown	Edmonton
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Wisconsin	R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher	Calgary

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V.W. Bro.	F. R. Exham	" 1
W. Bro.	John Gillespie	" 1
V.W. Bro.	D. Hope	" 1
M.W. Bro.	Dr. G. Macdonald	" 1
R.W. Bro.	H. S. McLeod	" 1
R.W. Bro.	J. N. Rankin	" 1
W. Bro.	W. N. Adsit	" 2
R.W. Bro.	C. W. E. Gardiner	" 3
M.W. Bro.	R. Patterson	" 3
W. Bro.	E. Adams	" 4
W. Bro.	E. V. Dooley	" 4
M.W. Bro.	T. McNabb	" 4
W. Bro.	P. A. Moore	" 5
V.W. Bro.	J. I. Brewster	" 5
R.W. Bro.	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	" 6
R.W. Bro.	A. K. Dewar	" 6
W. Bro.	Geo. T. Bragg	" 7
M.W. Bro.	Dr. E. A. Braithwaite	" 7
W. Bro.	W. T. Henry	" 7
R.W. Bro.	W. G. Ibbotson	" 7
R.W. Bro.	A. E. Jamieson	" 7
W. Bro.	D. S. Mackenzie	" 7
W. Bro.	C. E. Macdonald	" 7
M.W. Bro.	H. C. Taylor	" 7
R.W. Bro.	T. M. Turnbull	" 7
R.W. Bro.	Rev. G. H. Webb	" 7
R.W. Bro.	W. R. Wilson	" 8
R.W. Bro.	Robert Wynn	" 8
R.W. Bro.	W. M. Connacher	" 9
M.W. Bro.	J. T. Macdonald	" 9
V.W. Bro.	H. J. Robie	" 9
R.W. Bro.	N. E. Carruthers	" 10
R.W. Bro.	M. J. Macleod	" 10
W. Bro.	W. J. Craigen	" 10
W. Bro.	A. Carmichael	" 11
W. Bro.	W. G. Congdon	" 11
V.W. Bro.	G. W. Marriott	" 11
W. Bro.	A. C. Rutherford	" 11

W. Bro. H. A. Thompson . . . . . No. 11
R.W. Bro. R. H. Christie . . . . . " 11
R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson . . . . . " 12
R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon . . . . . " 12
R.W. Bro. A. K. Dewar . . . . . " 13
W. Bro. G. H. McAvoy . . . . " 13
W. Bro. J. C. F. Bown . . . . . " 14
M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop . . . . " 14
W. Bro. Wm. Rea . . . . . " 14
W. Bro. H. P. Reid . . . " 14
R.W. Bro. E. D. H. Wilkins . . . . " 15
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R.W. Bro. G. H. Legler . . . " 17
W. Bro. D. J. Durkin . . . . " 18
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W. Bro. H. E. Manning . . . . . " 18
W. Bro. A. Reid . . . . . " 18
W. Bro. H. H. Gould . . . . " 19
W. Bro. W. C. Laidlaw . . . " 20
R.W. Bro. Robert Scott . . . . . " 20
W. Bro. A. R. Shantz . . . . " 20
R.W. Bro. R. Hollinger . . . . " 21
R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson . . . . " 22
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R.W. Bro. T. F. English . . . . " 23
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W. Bro. W. J. Seed . . . . . " 24
R.W. Bro. Dr. C. W. Field . . . . . " 25
W. Bro. Jas. McNeill . . . . . " 25
W. Bro. Stanley H. Riggs . . . . . " 27
W. Bro. W. E. Hall . . . . . " 28
W. Bro. Geo. Hill . . . . . " 28
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor . . . . . " 28
R.W. Bro. A. Cameron . . . . . " 30
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W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins . . . . . " 33
W. Bro. W. J. Craigen . . . . . " 34

R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry . . . . . No. 34
V.W. Bro. D. McBean . . . . . " 36
V.W. Bro. A. R. Yates . . . . . " 36
W. Bro. D. J. McDiarmid . . . . . " 40
R.W. Bro. J. I. Brewster . . . . . " 42
W. Bro. P. W. Deveson . . . . . " 44
W. Bro. W. J. Carroll . . . . . " 45
W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell . . . . . " 45
W. Bro. C. H. Cress . . . . . " 46
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V.W. Bro. D. McIntosh . . . . . " 51
W. Bro. W. A. Mahaffy . . . . . " 51
W. Bro. Jas. McMillan . . . . . " 51
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W. Bro. H. A. Driggs . . . . . " 57
W. Bro. E. J. Flavin. . . . . " 59

AND THE FOLLOWING MASTERS AND WARDENS:

Bro. H. B. Battersby . . . J. W. No. 1
W. Bro. J. Elliott, ... W.M. " 2
Bro. T. Hutchinson . . . S.W. " 2
W. Bro. Jas. A. Webb . . . . W.M. " 3
W. Bro. B. B. Hoyt. . . . . W.M. " 4
Bro. E. Oxland . . . . . S.W. " 4
W. Bro. D. Dyer . . . . . W.M. " 7
Bro. J. W. Lewis . . . . S.W. " 7
W. Bro. D. Morkeburg . . . W.M. " 8
Bro. R. M. Moore. . . . . J.W. " 8
R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher . . . . W.M. " 9
Bro. W. W. Piper. . . . . S.W. " 9
Bro. C. R. Bruce . . . . . J.W. " 10
W. Bro. Stewart Hill . . . . . W.M. " 11
Bro. C. A. Curtis . . . . . S.W. " 11
Bro. M. S. Caine . . . . . J.W. " 11
W. Bro. J. M. Hughes . . . . . W.M. " 13

W. Bro. E. T. Bishop .....W.M. No. 14
Bro. G. Reach .....J.W. " 14
W. Bro. G. D. Wallace ...W.M. " 15
W. Bro. J. H. Johnson ...W.M. " 16
Bro. L. H. Walkley ...S.W. " 16
W. Bro. J. S. Blake .....W.M. " 17
Bro. H. M. Shaw ...S.W. " 17
W. Bro. G. E. Bowker.....W.M. " 18
Bro. J. W. O'Brien ...S.W. " 18
Bro. W. E. Turner .....J. W. " 18
W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley ..... " 19
Bro. Austin Francis ..... " 19
W. Bro. W. A. Shields ...W.M. " 20
W. Bro. A. G. Studer ...W.M. " 21
W. Bro. A. Z. Hicks. ...W.M. " 22
W. Bro. H. S. Waterbury ...W.M. " 23
Bro. H. H. Glass ...S.W. " 23
Bro. A. V. Bilton ...J.W. " 23
W. Bro. Jos. McKone ...W.M. " 24
Bro. W. A. Fallows ...S.W. " 24
W. Bro. F. S. Selwood ...W.M. " 28
Bro. W. J. McLeod ...S.W. " 28
Bro. S. Houlton ...J.W. " 28
W. Bro. H. H. Humber ...W.M. " 29
Bro. W. T. Coote ...S.W. " 29
Bro. Ed. Disney ...S.W. " 30
W. Bro. W. P. Coombs ...W.M. " 31
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Bro. E. C. Wells. ...S.W. " 34
W. Bro. T. H. Beach ...W.M. " 36
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W. Bro. J. T. Graham .....W.M. " 39
Bro. Arthur Haye .....J.W. " 39
W. Bro. Wm. Gibb .....W.M. " 43
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Bro. V. E. Greham .....J.W. " 44
W. Bro. G. H. Darlow.....W.M. " 45
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Bro. H. D. McMillan .....J.W. " 47

W. Bro. T. H. E. Magee	W.M.	No.	48
Bro. H. E. Marston	J.W.	"	48
Bro. A. E. Quayle	J.W.	"	49
W. Bro. A. W. Richards	W.M.	"	51
Bro. P. S. Bailey	S.W.	"	51
Bro. F. J. Folinsby ..	J.W.	"	51
Bro. Roy Cowen .. .	S.W.	"	52
W. Bro. A. L. Clemens .	W.M.	"	53
W. Bro. E. C. Smail . ..	W.M.	"	55
Bro. J. W. McBrine. ...	J.W.	"	56
W. Bro. T. H. Oddie	W.M.	"	57
Bro. J. Rockley	S.W.	"	59
W. Bro. J. H. Owen .. .	W.M.	"	60
Bro. W. Bannerman . .	J.W.	"	60
W. Bro. John Wilson	W.M.	"	61
W. Bro. E. H. Cope	W.M.	"	63
Bro. Chas. La Key . .	S.W.	"	63
Bro. T. W. Wilson	J.W.	"	63
W. Bro. J. W. Hurd.... .	W.M.	"	64
Bro. H. M. Henderson	S.W.	"	64

OPENING.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened IN AMPLE FORM, and with prayer.

The M.W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Mayor of the City of Edmonton being announced as in waiting, was introduced, and, addressing the members of Grand Lodge, presented them with the freedom of the city and extended hearty greetings of welcome and offers of hospitality from the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Edmonton.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. H. M. Henderson, on behalf of the Grand Master and members of Grand Lodge, acknowledged in fitting terms our full appreciation of the generous reception offered by the officials and citizens of the City of Edmonton.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Patterson (3): "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the Sixth Annual Communication, held at the City of Banff, on May 31st and June 1st, 1911, and of the subsequent Special Communication and as appears in the printed proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, May 29th, 1912.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

BRETHREN:

It is my privilege and I have great pleasure in extending to one and all Fraternal Greetings, and a hearty welcome to this our Seventh Annual Communication, held in the beautiful Capital City of our fair Province.

May our deliberations be conducted with justice and harmony, and may the divine love of the Great Architect of the Universe be with us in all our undertakings, and when our labors are ended, may we part with the assurance, that our legislation has been wise, and with pleasure in the renewal of old associates, and the forming of new.

As a Grand Lodge we have reason to rejoice in the knowledge that no cloud has arisen in the horizon of our friendly relations with foreign jurisdictions, whilst the prosperity heretofore existing in our own jurisdiction is unabating, only seven short years since the formation of our Grand Lodge, consisting of eighteen (18) Lodges and a Membership of twelve hundred and six (1206) and ending the year 1911, with a handsome increase to sixty-eight (68) Lodges with a Membership of 4498, thus indicating the rapid settlement and development in our Province, yet the point of the wedge of prosperity has but entered, never in the history of our beloved Country, has such activity existed, as that shown at the present time, the rapidity with which bands of steel are traversing the yet unpopulated regions of our vast Prairies, knitting together the isolated communities, making transportation facilities available for the number-

less settlers who will follow up the steel bands which have always been the advance guard of civilization; at least one hundred (100) new towns will spring into existence during the present year, consider what this indicates to us in the near future, as you will ever find members of our fraternity in the advance guard.

In congratulating ourselves on the prosperity we are enjoying, let us be reminded that all praise is due to The Grand Architect of the Universe, the Giver of all Good, for the bounteous yield with which He has blessed our broad lands.

FRATERNAL DEAD

The scythe of time is ever sweeping through this mortal sphere, and we as an association must share with the world at large, the cutting of its sharp edge in its merciless rounds, thus are we forcibly reminded of the uncertainty of this life, warning us to be ever prepared for that life to come where troubles shall be no more.

May peace abide in the homes of those unto whom the shadow has fallen, and may the cold hand of the world pass by the open door.

"Then dry thy tears and still thy heart's vain yearnings,
The Rainbow ever spans the darkest sky,
Hope points upwards, ever softly whispering,
Weep not, thy loved one dwells on high."

The following deaths of distinguished brethren of sister Grand Lodges have come to my notice:

Alabama	R.W Bro. William Henry	Grand Treasurer	16	Sept.,	1911
Arizona	R.W Bro. Thos. E. Bunch	D. Grand Master	10	Jan.,	1911
Arkansas	M.W. Bro. Geo. A. Donnelly	Past Grand Master	14	Dec.,	1911
Connecticut	M.W. Bro Samuel Bassett	Past Grand Master	14	Aug.,	1911
Delaware	M.W. Bro. John P. Allmaud	Past Grand Master	24	March	1912
Iowa	M.W. Bro. Wm. T. Eaton	Past Grand Master	7	Jan.,	1911
Maryland	R.W. Bro. Henry C. Larrabee	P. D. Grand Master		Jan.,	1911
Massachusetts	M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Laurence	Past Grand Master	24	Sept,	1911
Mississippi	M.W. Bro. M. M. Evans	Past Grand Master	9	Nov.,	1911
Mississippi	M.W. Bro Enoch G. Delap	Past Grand Master	24	Dec.,	1911
Mississippi	M W. Bro John S Cobb	Past Grand Master	17	Jan.,	1912
Montana	M.W. Bro N. P. Langford	Past Grand Master	18	Oct.,	1911
Nebraska	M.W. Bro. M. R. Hopewell	Past Grand Master	2	May	1911
Nebraska	M.W. Bro. Chas. K. Contant	Past Grand Master	23	Aug	1910
North Carolina	M.W. Bro. Chas. C. Clark	Past Grand Master	10	Oct.,	1911
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. Chas F. Bankson	Grand Lecturer	16	Feb.,	1911
Ohio	M.W. Bro. J. McK. Goodspeed	Grand Secretary	17	Oct.,	1911
Pennsylvania	R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Sinn	Grand Secretary	17	Oct.,	1911
Rhode Island	M.W. Bro. James B. Gay	Grand Master	25	Nov.,	1911
South Carolina	M.W. Bro. Jacob T. Barrow P.G.M.	Grand Secretary	10	Sept,	1911
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. Chas. W. McDonald	Past Grand Treas.	11	March	1912
Washington	R.W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Poland	Grand Chaplain	12	Sept.,	1911

Our own jurisdiction has not escaped the grim reaper. We mourn the loss of thirty (30) members affecting twenty-two (22) Lodges. To the bereaved ones we extend the heart felt sympathy of this Grand Lodge. We commend them into the hands of the Giver of all Good.

"But hark, hear the ransomed, with united voice,
They are praising the Saviour Who bids them rejoice,
Those dearest of kindred and friends, are at rest,
They have passed safely through to the land of the blessed,
And those are now cheering my soul with this lay,
That there they shall live without passing away."

A statement in detail will be furnished by the usual committee.

VISITATIONS

It is needless to take up your time with a detailed statement of my different visits, I will merely say that I officially visited every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. I would be pleased to enumerate each individual visit, were it not fearing to err in being unable to do justice to the many acts of courtesy and good fellowship showered upon me in the different districts. However, I take this opportunity of tendering my thanks to the different District Deputy Grand Masters for their endeavor to accompany me to the different Lodges in their respective Districts.

I cannot refrain from a special mention of my last official visit, i.e. to Perfection Lodge No 9, of Calgary, wherein the officers and members, presented to me, through R. W. Bro. Robie, a very handsome and serviceable seven piece Cut Glass Set accompanied by so many feeling remarks of brotherly love and friendship, leaving an indelible impression stamped in my heart, never to be erased, "until time shall be no more." I admit my inability to fully express my appreciation and heart-felt thanks to the members of Perfection Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS

I granted the following dispensations:—

To wear regalia at Divine Service, seventeen (17)
To elect and install out of time, nine (9)
To hold special installation, fifteen (15)
For new Lodges, three (3)
To initiate applicant with artificial foot, one (1)
To heal an irregularly made Mason, one (1)

I refused to grant the following dispensations:—

To wear regalia at a ball, one (1)
To raise candidate within one week of passing, one (1)
To institute a colored Lodge accompanied by fourteen (14) signatures professing to be regularly made Masons, one (1)

COMMISSIONS

I commissioned Bro. John P. McCune, Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

DECISIONS

Many decisions rendered were entirely uncalled for; were the Lodge officers and members to post themselves on Grand Lodge Constitution few decisions would be required, nearly all being fully covered by same. I will cite one or two:

Question—Can a Lodge in Edmonton accept application from candidate living in Strathcona?

Answer—Yes, Strathcona now being a part of Edmonton, all Lodges have joint jurisdiction, Sec. 216. Page 80 G.L. Constitution.

Question—What steps can a Lodge take with a Secretary who refuses to act?

Answer—Elect a new Secretary. Sec. 176-178, pages 68-69 G. L. Constitution.

BY-LAWS

I approved By-Laws of eight (8) Lodges, and the Amendments to By-Laws of Five (5) Lodges.

A detailed statement will be furnished you in the Grand Secretary's Report.

LODGES INSTITUTED AND CONSTITUTED

As the Grand Secretary's Report will cover in detail the names and number of Lodges instituted and constituted, I will refrain from sepecial mention, and merely state, that six (6) Lodges have been instituted and fourteen (14) constituted and officers installed.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Lethbridge on July 18th, 1911, for the purpose of installing your Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, acting Grand Master.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Calgary on October 25th, 1911, for consideration and completion of the work of Special Committee on the revision of Grand Lodge Constitution, your Grand Master presiding.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Medicine Hat on April 18th, 1912, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the public school at Medicine Hat, M.W. Bro. Canon Hogbin, acting Grand Master.

CORNER STONE LAID

On the request of the joint Lodges of Medicine Hat, I promised them on my official visit to them, to lay the corner stone of New Elm Street School building on the 18th of April, unfortunately, just prior to this date, I met with an accident, forcing me to depute the task to other hands, P.G.M. Rev. Canon Hogbin kindly performing the ceremony, to whom I tender my warmest thanks.

I very much regretted my inability to be present, and perform what to me would have been a pleasing ceremony, owing particularly to the fact that Medicine Hat was my first home in the province, coming here in June 1885, and since then have been closely associated, not only with the members of our Order, but with the citizens generally, and have seen the growth from a prairie shack town to that of a beautiful and hustling little city.

The School Board presented the Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel, beautifully engraved, commemorative of the occasion, which is highly esteemed.

CONCLUSION

I congratulate you today on the standing of our Honorable Fraternity. I would be glad to see a better attendance at our lodge meetings, many members do not appreciate what they miss by non-attendance, to study its history, is to learn to love it more and more.

Let me draw your attention to the reports of the different District Deputy Grand Masters, who will give you a detailed statement of the working condition of the different Lodges in their respective districts, as I have found them well worthy of your recognition.

I would suggest a ruling that all Lodges be required to have the proceedings of Grand Lodge read in open Lodge, within three months after issue, and at all meetings a copy be placed on the table for the perusal of any member so desiring. I find many members know nothing of Grand Lodge proceedings.

I endeavored to enthuse into the members the benefit to be derived by holding District Lodges of Instructions, with I fear but little success. However, R.W. Bro. Cameron of District No. 8, started the ball rolling, by holding an enthusiastic meeting in Spitzie Lodge, a number of Lodges participating. Another matter I tried to work up in the different Lodges, which is worthy of more consideration, i.e. aid to the home and school fund. I hope my endeavors will bear fruit.

This year to me has been a happy, though a busy one, it has brought many new acquaintances, and a renewal of old ones, and enabled me to establish many friendships.

Finally I take this opportunity of thanking my associate officers for the spirit of fraternity extended to me on every occasion. I must, however, specially mention the invaluable aid and assistance tendered me by your Grand Secretary, his timely counsel to me in time of need, demands my heartfelt thanks, the sympathetic and orderly manner in which he conducts his business is commendable to all. "Ask and ye shall receive" is ever his motto. Finally Brethren when our earthly labors are ended, and we depart for that home from whence none return may we so live that when we "ask", "we shall receive".

"Prepare your hearts dear Brothers,
That when this journey's o'er,
You will meet your loved ones,
On Heaven's shining shore."

Fraternally yours,

T. McNABB,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. D. Hope (1), and seconded by R.W. Bro. E.Nelson Brown(1): "That the address of the M.W. Grand Master be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

I herewith present the Seventh Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year ending January 31st, 1912, the expenditures made, a cash statement, statement of receipts, loss and gain, and balance sheets; also a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 27th, 1911, together with, by instruction of the M.W. Grand Master, Special Communications summoned, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, dispensations issued, Grand Representatives appointed, and all other official acts of the M.W. Grand Master, and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

One thousand copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with Clause 92(u) certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have completed and issued 492 Master Mason's Certificates for brethren raised during the year.

Three Life Member's Certificates were prepared and issued.

47 Past Masters' Certificates were prepared and issued to Past Masters making request for same.

Special Communications

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Lethbridge, on July 18th, 1911, for the purpose of installing the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Thos. McNabb.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Calgary, on October 25th, 1911, for the consideration and completion of the work of the Special Committee on revision of the Constitution.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Medicine Hat, on April 18th, 1912, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of New School House at Medicine Hat.

Charters

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the undermentioned lodges, and these lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed by the M.W. Grand Master or brethren commissioned by him for that purpose, viz :—

Crossfield Lodge, No. 48, at Crossfield, Alta., in the Fourth Masonic District, constituted December 1st, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, at Carmangay, Alta., in the Second Masonic District, constituted October 9th, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Comet Lodge, No. 50, at Hardisty, Alta., in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted November 17th, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Unity Lodge, No. 51, at Edmonton, Alta., in the Third Masonic District, constituted September 5th, 1911, by R.W. Bro. Dr. C. W. Field, D.D.G.M.

Langdon Lodge, No. 52, at Langdon, Alta., in the Seventh Masonic District, constituted September 7th, 1911, by R.W. Bro. J. H. Binns, D D.G.M.

Strathmore Lodge, No. 53, at Strathmore, Alta., in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted September 4th, 1911, by R.W. Bro. J. H. Binns, D.D.G.M.

Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 54, at Calgary, Alta., in the First Masonic District, constituted October 25, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Bassano Lodge, No. 55, at Bassano, Alta., in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted August 2nd, 1911, by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M.

Beaver Lodge, No. 56, at Castor, Alta., in the Ninth Masonic District, constituted November 24, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, at Grassy Lake, Alta., in the Second Masonic District, constituted October 12th, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58, at Cardston, Alta., in the Second Massonic District, constituted June 26th 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

King George Lodge, No. 59, at Calgary,Alta., in the First Masonic District, constituted October 25th, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Acme Lodge, No. 60, at Acme, Alta, in the Fourth Masonic District, constituted November 7th, 1911, by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, Grand Master.

Provost Lodge, No. 61, at Provost, Alta., in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted January 24th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. A. Reid, D.D.G.M.

NEW LODGES

The undermentioned new Lodges were duly instituted under dispensation, viz:—

Empire Lodge at Edmonton, in the Third Masonic District, nine charter members; dispensation issued May 12th, 1911; E. H. Cope, W.M.; Chas. La Key, S.W.; Thos. H. Wilson, J.W. Instituted May 27th, 1911, by R.W. Bro. R. H. Christie, D.D.G.M.

Bow Island Lodge, at Bow Island, in the Second Masonic District, ten charter members; dispensation issued May 12th, 1911. James W. Hurd, W.M.; Rev. H.M. Henderson, S. W.; James W. Ried, J.W. Instituted July 11th, 1911, by R.W. Bro. J. T. Stephenson, D.D.G.M.

Diamond City Lodge, at Diamond City, in the Second Masonic District, nine charter members; dispensation issued June 12th, 1911. N. T. Beeman, W. M.; W. H. Randall, S.W.; Robt. Laughton, J.W. Instituted March 22nd, 1921, by M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb, Grand Master.

Hiram Lodge, at Trochu, in the Fourth Masonic District, eleven charter members. Dispensation issued March 30th, 1912. Wm. Postil,W.M.; M. H. Martin, S.W.; W. C. Gooder, J.W. Instituted April 18th, 1912, by R.W. Bro. Jno. Duff, D.D.G.M.

Charity Lodge at Lethbridge, in the Second Masonic District, fourteen charter members. Dispensation issued April 23rd, 1912. R. B. C. Thomson, W.M.; John A. Gilmore, S.W.; Harvey Hart, J.W. Instituted May 17, 1912, by W.M. Bro. Thos. McNabb, Grand Master.

PETITIONS FOR NEW LODGES

The following petitions for new Lodges have not yet been completed — Connaught Lodge at Viking, in the Third Masonic District; Edson Lodge, at Edson in the Third Masonic District.

FIRE

On March 12th, 1912, our Lodge Acme, No. 60, had the misfortune to lose all its possessions by fire. The necessary books, forms and new register were forwarded as soon as I had notice. Charter has also been replaced. The brethren had an insurance of $250.00 on their effects.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

The M.W Grand Master has examined and approved the by-laws of the following lodges, viz:—

Empire Lodge, U.D.	Aug. 30th, 1911
Bassano, No. 55	Nov. 9th, 1911
Hope No. 38	Dec. 17th, 1911
Unity, No. 51	Dec. 17th, 1911
Britannia, No. 18	Feb. 6th, 1912
Beaver, No. 56	March 5th, 1912
Chinook, No. 47	April 13th, 1912
Cascade, No. 5	April 23rd, 1912

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Kenilworth, No. 29	Feb. 6th, 1912
Ashlar, No. 28	March 5th, 1912
Tuscan, No. 43	March 5th, 1912
Bow River, No. 1	April 13th, 1912
Perfection, No. 9	May 4th, 1912
Mountain View, No. 16	May 4th, 1912

CERTIFICATE RE INCORPORATION OF LOCAL LODGES

Certificate as called for by the Grand Lodge Act of Incorporation was issued to Bow River Lodge, No. 1, to enable them to secure Incorporation under the Act, October 25, 1911 and also one to Gleichen Lodge, No. 36 May 22, 1912.

DISPENSATIONS

The following dispensations have been issued by direction of the M.W. Grand Master:—

TO WEAR REGALIA AT DIVINE SERVICE

Victoria, No. 13	June	12th, 1911
Jasper, No. 14	June	12th, 1911
Kenilworth, No. 29	June	16th, 1911
Stavely, No. 33	June	16th, 1911
Provost, No. 61	June	16th, 1911
Eureka, No. 10	June	19th, 1911
Doric, No. 31	June	19th, 1911
North Star, No. 4	June	24th, 1911
Red Deer, No. 12	June	24th, 1911
Mountain View, No. 16	June	24th, 1911
Vermilion, No. 24	June	24th, 1911
Strathmore, No. 53	June	24th, 1911
St. John, No. 25	June	30th, 1911
Ionic, No. 45	July	12th, 1911
Bassano, No. 55	July	25th, 1911
Bow Island, U.D.	Dec.	28th, 1911
Cario, No. 32	Dec.	29th, 1911
Beaver, No. 56	May	14th, 1912

TO ELECT AND INSTALL OUT OF TIME

Bassano, No. 55	June	16th, 1911
Ionic, No.45	Oct.	17th, 1911
Beaver, No. 56	Nov.	24th, 1911
Bassano, No. 55	Dec.	26th, 1911
Carstairs, No. 20	Dec.	29th, 1911
Britannia, No. 18	Feb.	6th, 1912
Britannia, No. 18	Feb.	6th, 1912
Acme, No. 60	Jan.	19th, 1912
Acme, No. 60	Feb.	6th, 1912
Joppa, No. 40	March	22nd, 1912

TO HOLD SPECIAL INSTALLATION

Kenilworth No. 29	June 12, 1911
Chinook No. 47	June 12, 1911
Spitzie No. 6	June 16, 1911
Star of the West No. 34	June 24, 1911
Buffalo Park No. 44	June 26, 1911
King Hiram No. 21	Dec. 26, 1911
Ashlar No. 28	Dec. 28, 1911
Unity No. 51	Dec. 14, 1911
Stavely No. 33	Dec. 14, 1911
Nanton No. 17	Dec. 19, 1911
Calgary No. 23	Dec. 22, 1911
King George No. 59	Dec. 22, 1911
Joppa No. 40	Jan. 5, 1912
Grassy Lake No. 57	Jan. 9, 1912
Acacia No. 11	Mar. 8, 1912

FOR NEW LODGES

Diamond City at Diamond City	June 12, 1911
Hiram at Trochu	Mar. 30, 1911
Charity at Lethbridge	Apr. 23, 1912
Edson at Edson	May 14, 1912

TO HEAL AN IRREGULAR MASON

King George No. 59	May 14, 1912

TO CHANGE NIGHT OF MEETING

Vermilion No. 24	Oct. 17, 1911
Empire, U.D.	Dec. 28, 1911

TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF TIME

Cornerstone No. 19	July 29, 1911

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Nevada, the M.W. Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. W. L. F. Durley of Reno, Nevada, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nevada, vice W. Bro. E. Barber, retired.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Ohio, the M.W. Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. John P. McClune of Columbus, Ohio, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Special Committees Appointed by Grand Master

on grand master's address

M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop
M.W. Bro. Canon Hogbin
M.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy

on grand secretary's report

M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald
M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite
R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher

on grand lodge library

M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor
R.W. Bro. E. D. H. Wilkins

on fraternal dead

R.W. Bro. Robert Patterson
W. Bro. S. B. Hillocks
R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

auditors

R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair
R.W. Bro. T. F. English

lodge returns

As a general rule the matter of attention to correspondence and returns by Lodge Secretaries has considerably improved.

There is still room for improvement and if each Secretary would promptly give the little time required to immediately reply to all communications he would save a great deal of labor in this office and greatly expedite the work of the Grand Lodge.

MEMBERSHIP

INCREASE

Membership, December 27th, 1910			3,823
Initiated		592	
Passed	501		
Raised	493		
Joined		282	
Restored		9	
Total Increase			883
			4,706

DECREASE

Dimitted	124	
Suspended, N.P.D.	52	
Suspended, U.M.C.	1	
Died	31	
Total decrease		208
Total membership, December 27th, 1911		4,498
Net increase for the year 1911		675

Fraternally submitted,

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Moneys received between February 1st, 1911, and January 31st, 1912

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River	$213 45
2.	Medicine Hat	152 10
3.	Alberta	50 00
4.	North Star	206 55
5.	Cascade	107 00
6.	Spitzie	56 25
7.	Edmonton	250 50
8.	Innisfail	31 25
9.	Perfection	326 35
10.	Eureka	44 00
11.	Acacia	132 70
12.	Red Deer	41 50
13.	Victoria	78 20
14.	Jasper	143 65
15.	Wetaskiwin	63 38
16.	Mountain View	47 15
17.	Nanton	78 05
18.	Britannia	31 75
19.	Cornerstone	139 80
20.	Carstairs	43 80
21.	King Hiram	21 25
23.	Calgary	112 00
24.	Vermilion	45 75
25.	St. John	43 50
26.	Sentinel	27 00
27.	Apollo	20 75
28.	Ashlar	149 25
29.	Kenilworth	28 00
30.	Summit	23 65
	Carried Forward	$2,708 58
	Brought Forward	$2,708 58
31.	Doric	42 50
32.	Cairo	49 75
33.	Stavely	114 70
34.	Star of the West	42 70
35.	Mizpah	39 50
36.	Gleichen	41 15
37.	Camrose	21 15
38.	Hope	27 75
39.	Lethbridge	33 75
40.	Joppa	94 20
41.	King Solomon	8 90
42.	Bowden	11 75
43.	Tuscan	20 50
44.	Buffalo Park	46 65
45.	Ionic	80 55
46.	Palestine	27 75
47.	Chinook	10 50
48.	Crossfield	8 00
49.	Robert Burns	70 65
50.	Comet	16 50
51.	Unity	145 00
52.	Langdon	24 50
53.	Strathmore	88 75
54.	Mt. Lebanon	105 00
55.	Bassano	60 55
56.	Beaver	41 00
57.	Grassy Lake	10 00
58.	Chief Mountain	24 75
	Carried Forward	$4,017 03

Brought Forward...	$4,017 03	Brought Forward..	$4,431 78
59. King George	189 00	Edson.....	25 25
60. Acme	53 00	Sundry Accounts	3 50
61. Provost	63 50	District No. 2.....	55 60
U.D. Coal	33 00	District No. 8.....	59 00
U.D. Empire	25 00	Masonic Home & School	3,640 50
U.D. Bow Island	26 00	Interest, Savings Bank and Mortgage Account	438 97
U.D. Diamond City.....	25 25		
Carried Forward....	$4,431 78		$8,654 60

Donations and receipts to Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund have been received as follows:—

Edmonton Lodge No. 7	$13 00	
Calgary Lodge No. 23	50 00	
Provost Lodge No. 61	17 50	
Grand Lodge of Alberta	500 00	
Greig Mortgage Repaid	3,000 00	
Bonus, Greig Mortgage	60 00	$3,640 50
Interest, Greig Mortgage	175 60	
Interest, Pyne Mortgage	128 00	
Interest, J. T. Macdonald	120 00	
Interest, Savings Bank	15 37	438 97
		$4,079 47

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Certified correct :

S. J. BLAIR,
T. F. ENGLISH,

Auditors.

CASH STATEMENT

Moneys received by the Grand Secretary from February 1st, 1911, to January 31st, 1912, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer :—

1911	DR.		
Jan. 31—To receipts			$8,654 60
1911	CR.		
Feb. 21—By Grand Treasurer,	General Fund	$736 55	
April 8— "	"	433 80	
June 5— "	"	285 93	
July 25— "	"	971 15	
Oct. 17— "	"	522 05	
1912			
Jan. 18— "	"	790 90	
Jan. 31— "	"	834 75	
1911			
June 30—By Grand Treasurer,	Home & School Fund	5 34	
July 25— "	"	65 00	
July 26— "	"	3,235 60	
Aug. 9— "	"	25 00	
Dec. 5— "	"	25 00	
Dec. 7— "	"	17 50	
Dec. 31— "	"	10 03	
1912			
Jan. 18— "	"	513 00	
Jan. 18— "	"	120 00	
Jan. 31— "	"	63 00	
			$8,654 60

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Certified correct :

T. F. ENGLISH,
S. J. BLAIR,

Auditors

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

No. Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn	Amount
91	J. D. McAra, Stock Printing	$6 25
92	Linton Bros, Office Supplies	7 20
93	E. W. Rugg Co., Dimits	12 00
94	Grand Lodge Canada, Books	24 00
95	D. G. Young Co., G.L. Cards	50 00
96	Grand Secretary, Salary & Expense Acct	232 40
97	Grand Lodge of Canada, Books	25 20
98	Pantograph Co., list of Regular Lodges	42 59
99	T. W. Taylor Co., Lodge Books	443 50
100	J. D. McAra, Envelopes	7 25
101	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	85 45
102	J. H. Dickinson, Rubber Stamp	50
103	Remington Co., Supplies, Typewritter	3 00
104	City Cartage Co., Freight & Cartage	8 50
105	Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Acct	285 70
106	Linton Bros., Office Sundries	3 10
107	J. D. McAra, Printing Circulars and Notices	51 50
108	Office Specialty Co., Card Cabinets and Cards	78 00
109	Grand Master, Expense Account	137 50
110	Grand Secretary, Salary	175 00
111	Grand Secretary, Expense Account	54 81
112	Grand Secretary, Rent Acct 1910	300 00
113	Grand Tyler, Expense Account	17 50
114	R. Harrison, Engrossing Charters	48 00
115	J. D. McAra, Printing Financial Statement	14 75
116	City Cartage Co., Cartage	50
117	Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Account	134 45
118	Bank of Nova Scotia, Cablegram	17 02
119	J. D. McAra, Mailing Tubes and Printing	24 00
120	Linton Bros., Office Sundries	1 10
121	Grand Secretary, Subs. Mas. Relief Association	19 37
122	Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Acc't	137 80
123	Stewart Tweedie & Charman, Mortgage	3,000 00
124	D. J. Young Co., Mimeograph Supplies	5 50
125	Bank of Nova Scotia, Floral Acc't	40 25
126	Herald Western Co., G. M. Stationery	18 75
	Carried Forward	$5,512 44

Brought Forward	$5,512 44
127—Dom. Regalia Co., Regalia	57 40
128—Grand Secretary, Salary and Office Expenses	136 75
129—J. D. McAra, Stock Printing	13 25
130—Bank of Nova Scotia, Rugg Draft, Proceedings	333 40
131—E. W. Rugg Co., Mailing Envelope Proceedings	15 50
132—Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Acc't	149 30
133—Copp, Clark Co., M.M. Certificates and Plate	620 00
134—Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	57 40
135—Linton Bros, Office Sundries	8 85
136—Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Acc't	147 00
137—Star Printing Co., Standard By-Laws	48 50
138—Linton Bros., Office Supplies	35
139—Stewart, Tweedie, Expense re Mortgage	4 00
140—Grand Master, Expense Acc't	237 75
141—Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Acc't	254 00
142—A.M.H. & S. Fund, Grant	500 00
143—Bank, of Nova Scotia, Telegram	1 20
Total Cash Disbursements	8,095 09

Certified Correct:

T. F. ENGLISH,
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors.

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

LEDGER ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING

January, 31st, 1912

District No. 9	$58 55	Brought Forward	$552 30
Sundry Accounts	12 35	Edmonton, No. 7	114 35
Bow River, No. 1	126 40	Innisfail, No. 8	50 65
Medicine Hat, No. 2	144 80	Eureka, No. 10	56 60
Alberta, No.3	41 55	Acacia, No. 11	50 80
North Star, No. 4	113 00	Red Deer, No. 12	9 55
Cascade, No. 5	10 85	Victoria, No. 13	1 00
Spitzie, No. 6	44 80	Jasper, No. 14	63 24
Carried Forward	$552 30	Carried Forward	$898 49

Brought Forward.....	$898	49	Brought Forward..	$1,191	98
Wetaskiwin, No. 15	21	25	Tuscan, No. 43	31	85
Mountain View, No. 16	56	90	Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	43	00
Nanton, No. 17	19	85	Ionic, No. 45	45	35
Britannia, No. 18	47	10	Palestine, No. 46	22	60
Cornerstone, No. 19	41	25	Chinook, No. 47	9	50
Carstairs, No. 20..... ...	21	00	Crossfield, No. 48	142	50
King Hiram, No. 21	24	50	Robert Burns, No. 49 ...	45	30
Corinthian, No. 22	52	25	Comet, No, 50	30	25
Calgary, No. 23...	17	70	Unity, No. 51	150	25
Vermilion, No. 24	26	05	Langdon, No. 52	43	60
St. John, No. 25	60	15	Strathmore, No. 53.. ...	72	25
Sentinel, No 26	62	68	Mt. Lebanon, No. 54 . ..	171	15
Apollo, No. 27	101	85	Bassano, No. 55	118	05
Ashlar, No. 28	4	25	Beaver, No. 56	70	50
Kenilworth, No. 29.	56	55	Grassy Lake, No. 57	65	40
Summit, No. 30	20	75	Chief Mountain, No. 58..	82	45
Doric, No. 31..	26	19	King George, No. 59... .	25	00
Cario, No. 32	52	70	Acme, No. 60.....	81	40
Stavely, No. 33	27	05	Provost, No. 61	81	50
Star of the West, No. 34.. .	11	95	Coal, U.D.	48	15
Mizpah, No. 35	39	60	Empire, U.D.	87	60
Gleichen, No. 36	30	30	Bow Island, U.D.	65	85
Camrose, No. 37	63	80	Diamond City, U.D. . . .	36	70
Hope, No. 38	5	05			
Lethbridge, No. 39	49	20	Ledger Accounts Out-		
Joppa, No. 40	19	05	standing.....	$3,464	18
King Solomon, No. 41	10	75	LESS		
Bowden, No. 42	43	77	Edson, Credit Balance	25	10
Carried Forward.....$1,191		98		$3,439	08

A further Outstanding is composed of debits to following Lodges included in following returns not to hand.

Red Deer, No. 12, Returns, December 1912; Robert Burns, No. 49, Returns, June and December 1912; King George, No. 59, Returns, December 1911; Acme, No. 60, Returns, December, 1911.

Certified Correct:

T. F. ENGLISH
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors.

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

From February 1st, to April 15th, of above Outstanding accounts the following amounts have been received:—

Bow River, No. 1	$125 40	Brought Forward	$1,349 24
Medicine Hat, No. 2	108 00	Camrose, No. 37	23 90
Alberta, No. 3	46 05	Hope, No. 38	5 05
North Star, No. 4	21 50	Lethbridge, No. 39	49 20
Cascade, No. 5	10 10	Joppa, No. 40	12 85
Spitzie, No. 6	40 55	King Solomon, No. 41	12 90
Edmonton, No. 7	210 35	Tuscan, No. 43	17 15
Innisfail, No. 8	45 65	Buffalo Park, No. 44	43 00
Eureka, No. 10	56 60	Ionic, No. 45	23 75
Acacia No11	52 50	Palestine, No. 46	12 00
Jasper, No. 14	63 25	Chinook, No. 47	9 50
Wetaskiwin, No. 15	21 25	Crossfield, No. 48	111 00
Mountain View, No. 16	19 90	Comet, No. 50	6 75
Nanton, No. 17	20 15	Unity, No. 51	150 45
Britannia, No. 18	15 25	Langdon, No. 52	43 50
Cornerstone, No. 19	41 40	Strathmore, No. 53	20 75
Carstairs, No. 20	21 15	Mt. Lebanon, No. 54	169 65
King Hiram, No. 21	32 25	Beaver, No. 56	70 00
Corinthian, No. 22	42 25	Grassy Lake, No. 57	55 40
Calgary, No. 23	17 70	Chief Mountain, No. 58	10
Vermilion, No. 24	22 75	Coal, U.D.	7 25
St. John, No. 25	30 50	Empire, U.D.	94 35
Sentinel, No. 26	19 75	Bow Island U.D.	12 00
Apollo, No. 27	56 25	Diamond City, U.D.	36 80
Kenilworth, No. 29	56 80	Trochu	25 15
Doric, No. 31	26 19	Viking	25 00
Cairo, No. 32	19 75	Sundry	10 75
Stavely, No. 33	27 05	Masonic H. and S. Fund	
Star of West, No. 34	15 00	Royal A.M. Lacombe	5 50
Mizpah, No. 35	34 65	Alberta, No. 3	25 00
Gleichen, No. 36	29 30	North Star, No. 4	90 75
Carried Forward	$1,349 24		$2,518 68

Certified Correct:

S. J. BLAIR,
T. F. ENGLISH,
Auditors.

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From February 1st to January 31st, 1912

Dues	$1,692 75
Initiations	949 00
M.M. Certificates	745 00
P.M. Certificates	37 00
L.M. Certificates	3 00
L.M. Fees	10 00
Charters	217 00
Dispensations	268 25
Stock	537 13
Fines and Exchange	116 00
Home and School Fund	3,640 50
" " Interest	15 37
" " Mortgages	423 60
Total Cash Receipts	$8,654 60

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURE

February 1st, 1911, to January 31st, 1912

Books and Stationery	$1,319 05
Expense Account	633 02
Home and School Fund, Mortgage	3,000 00
Rent	300 00
Salaries	1,500 00
Postage, Express, Freight and Cartage	157 00
Printing, Sundry	485 77
Regalia	200 25
Grant, A.M.H. and S.	500 00
Total Expenditure	$8,095 09

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Mortgage, R. A. Lyne, bearing interest at 8%	$1,600 00
Mortgage, J. T. Macdonald, bearing interest at 8%	3,000 00
Total	$4,600 00

Certified Correct

S. J. BLAIR,
T. F. ENGLISH,
Auditors.

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

INVENTORY OF STOCK

January 31st, 1912

BOOKS AND STATIONERY

Minute Books	15	$51 90
Ledgers	17	60 52
Registers	12	29 76
Historical Register	17	51 00
Secretary Cash Book	21	31 50
Blank Book	19	26 60
Treasurer Cash Book	16	17 92
Financial Record	25	30 50
Cert. Elective Officers	59	59
Cert. Appointed Officers	78	90
Cert. Grand Representative	28	15
Cert. D.D.G.M.	60	45
Order G. Treas.	3	1 50
Disp. N. Lodge	32	20
Disp. General	850	2 55
Disp. Regalia	105	75
Agreements	450	1 25
Return Forms	150	6 60
Card Cabinets	25	125 00
Cards	12,000	92 00
Pet. New Lodge	136	5 44
Dimits	280	7 00
Account Forms	400	2 60
Pet. Initiation	1450	8 70
Ref. Initiation	1010	6 06
Pet. Affiliation	434	2 60
Ref. Affiliation	1734	11 00
Rejections	1568	9 40
Dusp. N.P.D.	495	2 97
Rest. N.P.D.	923	5 53
Delinquent Dues	596	3 59
Susp. U.M.C.	900	5 40
Rest. U.M.C.	1000	6 00
Cert. Standing	374	7 48
D.D.G.M. Statement	40	2 00
Carried Forward		$617 41

Brought Forward		$617 41	
Lodge Statement	68	78	
Receipt Blanks	700	3 50	
Notice New Lodge	400	2 00	
Cert. Instal	77	1 15	
Proxy	200	2 40	
Order on Treas.	13	5 85	
Receipt for Dues	22	8 80	
Price Lists	20	24	
Envelopes, large	1000	4 00	
Envelopes, small	2000	6 00	
Letter Heads	1000	6 00	
Mailing Tubes	30	1 05	
Gum Slips	40	10	
Seals, blue	500	1 75	
Seals, white	500	1 40	
Lodge Circulars	6000	36 00	
Visitors, cards	1549	4 35	
Visitors, notices	1549	4 35	
			$707 13
CONSTITUTIONS, ETC.			
Constitutions	120	$45 60	
Copies of Work	5	5 00	
			50 60
P.M. Certificates	300	$12 00	
			12 00
L.M. Certificates			4 80
M.M. Certificates	1000	$400 00	
			400 00
Charters			102 00
OFFICE FURNITURE, ETC.			
Furniture		133 55	
Cabinet and Records		115 75	
Plate M.M. Certificates		220 00	
Numbering Machine		6 00	
3 Transfer Cases		7 80	
Typewriter		120 00	
Mimeograph		52 50	
Carried Forward		$655 60	

Brought Forward	$655 60	
Seal Press	17 00	
Letter Press	7 00	
Trunk	21 50	
Postage	6 35	
Office Stationery and Sundries	28 30	
3 Loose Leaf Binders	27 00	
		$762 75
Regalia, $847 91, Less Depreciation 5%		805 52

Certified Correct:

T. F. ENGLISH,
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors.

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

LOSS AND GAIN

January 31st, 1912

Total Cash Receipts	$8,654 60	
LESS		
Total Cash Disbursements	8,095 09	
Net Gain, Cash	559 51	
Cash Balance, January 31st, 1911		$2,732 22
Net Gain, January 31st, 1912		559 51
Total Cash, January 31st, 1912		$3,291 73
To Credit General Fund	$1,822 77	
To Credit H. and S. Fund	1,468 96	
		3,291 73

Certified Correct:

T. F. ENGLISH,
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors.

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET

January 31st, 1912

ASSETS

Books and Stationery	$707 13
Constitutions, etc.	50 60
P.M. Certificates	12 00
L.M. Certificates	4 80
M.M. Certificates	400 00
Charters	102 00
Office Fixtures	762 75
Regalia	805 52
Ledger Accounts	3,439 08
Current Account, Cash	1,822 77
Home and School Fund, Saving Bank	1,468 96
Investment Account, Mortgages	4,600 00
	$14,175 61

LIABILITIES

Nil

Present Worth, January 31st, 1912	$14,175 61
Present Worth, January 31st, 1911	11,613 00
Gain 1912	$2,562 61

Certified Correct:

T. F. ENGLISH,
S. J. BLAIR,
Auditors

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. John Duff (16) and R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28): "That the report of the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I herewith submit a statement of receipts and disbursements of Grand Lodge, Feb. 1st, 1911, to Jan. 31st, 1912.

1911 RECEIPTS

Feb. 21	To Deposit by Grand Secretary	$736 55
April 8	" " " "	433 80
June 5	" " " "	285 93
July 25	" " " "	971 15
Oct. 17	" " " "	522 05
1912		
Jan. 18	" " " "	790 90
Jan. 31	" " " "	834 75
	Total	$4,575 13

1911 DISBURSEMENTS

Feb. 22	By Cheque, J. D. McAra	$6 25
Feb. 22	" " Linton Bros.	7 20
Feb. 22	" " E. W. Rugg Co.	12 00
Feb. 22	" " Grand Lodge Canada	24 00
Feb. 22	" " D. J. Young Co.	50 00
Feb. 22	" " Grand Secretary	232 40
April 24	" " Grand Lodge Canada	25 20
April 24	" " Pantagraph Co.	42 59
April 24	" " T. W. Taylor Co.	443 50
April 24	" " J. D. McAra	7 25
April 24	" " Dominion Regalia Co.	85 45
April 24	" " J. H. Dickinson	50
April 24	" " Remington Co.	3 00
April 24	" " City Cartage Co.	8 50
April 24	" " Grand Secretary	285 70
	Carried Forward	$1,233 54

			Brought Forward	$1,233 54
June	5— "	"	Linton Bros.	3 10
June	5— "	"	J. D. McAra	51 50
June	5— "	"	Office Specialty Co.	78 00
June	5— "	"	Grand Master	137 50
June	5— "	"	Grand Secretary	175 00
June	5— "	"	Grand Secretary	54 81
June	5— "	"	Grand Secretary	300 00
June	30— "	"	Grand Tyler	17 50
June	30— "	"	R. Harrison	48 00
June	30— "	"	J. D. McAra	14 75
June	30— "	"	City Cartage Co.	50
June	30— "	"	Grand Secretary	132 45
July	27— "	"	Bank of Nova Scotia	17 02
July	27— "	"	J. D. McAra	24 00
July	27— "	"	Linton Bros.	1 10
July	27— "	"	Grand Secretary	137 80
July	27— "	"	Grand Secretary	19 37
Aug.	31— "	"	D. J. Young Co.	5 50
Aug.	31— "	"	Bank of Nova Scotia	40 25
Aug.	31— "	"	Herald Western Co.	18 75
Aug.	31— "	"	Dominion Regalia Co	57 40
Aug.	31— "	"	Grand Secretary	136 75
Oct.	4— "	"	J. D. McAra	13 25
Oct.	4— "	"	Bank of Nova Scotia	333 40
Oct.	4— "	"	E. W. Rugg Co.	15 50
Oct.	4— "	"	Grand Secretary	149 30
Oct.	31— "	"	Copp, Clark Co.	620 00
Oct.	31— "	"	Dominion Regalia Co.	57 40
Oct.	31— "	"	Linton Bros.	8 85
Oct.	31— "	"	Grand Secretary	147 00
Dec.	30— "	"	Star Printing Co.	48 50
Dec.	30— "	"	Linton Bros.	35
Dec.	30— "	"	Stewart, Tweedie	4 00
Dec.	30— "	"	Grand Master	237 75
Dec.	30— "	"	Grand Secretary	254 00
			Carried Forward	$4,593 89

		Brought Forward		$4,593 89
Dec. 30—	"	"	Masonic Home and School	500 00
Dec. 30—	"	"	Bank of Nova Scotia	1 20
			Total Expenditure	$5,095 09
			Balance to Credit of Grand Lodge	$1,822 77

Fraternally submitted,

N. J. LINDSAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Certified correct :

S. J. BLAIR,
T. F. ENGLISH,
Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1): "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To THE M.W. GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren :—

I submit hereunder the report of your Librarian for the past year, during which period the following donations have been added to the Grand Lodge Library :—

CLOTH BOUND PROCEEDINGS

Grand Lodge of British Columbia			1911
"	"	" California	1911
"	"	" Connecticut	1911
"	"	" Delaware	1911
"	"	" Illinois	1911

Grand Lodge of Kentucky 1911
" " " Nebraska 1911
" " " North Carolina 1911
" " " New York 1911
" " " New Zealand 1911
" " " Ohio 1911
" " " Oklahoma 1911
" " " Vermont .... .1911
" " " West Virginia 1911

Copies of Proceedings of all recognized Grand Lodges. Grand Lodge Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York, Ancient, Accepted Scottish Rite, from Ill. Deputy for State of New York, Wm. Homan, 33 degree, 1911.

The following miscellaneous matter:—

History of Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Vol, 2, 1820–1850.
History of Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Vol. 3, 1850–1860.
Constitution of Grand Lodge of California.
1911 Roster of Subordinate Lodges, Grand Lodge of California.
Virginia Text Book, 1912.
Medallion, commemorating Centennial Grand Lodge of Lousiana.
Ancient Landmarks, with Supporting Evidence by H. B. Grant.
Regular and Irregular Grand Lodges, by H. M. Owens.
Report of Centennial of Grand Lodge District Columbia.

To the numerous contributors who have so kindly remembered this Grand Lodge in the distribution of their gifts of valuable and useful donations we extend our very hearty thanks.

In accordance with instructions of Grand Lodge the following list of literature was placed in charge of Perfection Club Room for the use of the brethren using these rooms. See List.

Fraternally submitted,

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Librarian.

List of Grand Lodge Volumes sent to Masonic Library Club, Perfection Club Rooms

Proceedings of G. L.,		Alabama	1906–7–8–9–10.
"	"	Arizona	1907–8–10–11.
"	"	Arkansas	1906–7–8–9–10, bound.
"	"	British Columbia	1906–7 ; 1908–9–10–11, bound
"	"	California	1908, bound ; 1909–10
"	"	Canada	1906–7–8–9–10.
"	"	Colorado	1906–7–8–9–10, bound.
"	"	Connecticut	1907–8, bound ; 1909–11.
"	"	Cuba	1907–8–9–10.
"	"	Delaware	1906–8, bound ; 1907.
"	"	District Columbia	1906–7–8–9–10.
"	"	Florida	1906–7–8–9–10–11.
"	"	Georgia	1908 ; 1909–10, bound.
"	"	Idaho	1906–7–8–9–10.
"	"	Illinois	1906–7–8–9, bound ; 1910.
"	"	Indiana	1910, bound ; 1911.
"	"	Indian Territory	1908–9.
"	"	Iowa	1894–5–6–7–8–9, 1900–1–2–3–4 1906–7–8–9–10, bound.
"	"	Ireland	1907–8–9–10.
"	"	Kansas	1906–7–8–9–10–11.
"	"	Kentucky	1906–7 ; 1908–9–10, bound.
"	"	Louisiana	1906–7–8–9–10–11.
"	"	Maine	1906–7–8–9–10–11.
"	"	Manitoba	1906–7–8–9–10–11.
"	"	Michigan	1906–7–8–9–10–11.
"	"	Minnesota	1906–7–8–10–11.
"	"	Mississippi	1905–6–7–8–9–10–11.
"	"	Missouri	1909–10.
"	"	Montana	1905–6–7–8–9–10.
"	"	Nebraska	1906–7–8–9–10, bound.
"	"	Nevada	1908–9–10.
"	"	New Brunswick	1907–8–9–10.
"	"	New Hampshire	1910–11.
"	"	New Jersey	1908, bound ; 1909–10–11.
"	"	New Mexico	1907–8–9–10.
"	"	New South Wales	1906–7–8–9–10.
"	"	New York	1906–7–8–9–10–11, bound.

Proceedings of G. L., New Zealand .....1907–8–9–10.
" " North Carolina ....1908 ; 1909–10–11, bound.
" " North Dakota . ..1906–7–8–9–10.
" " Nova Scotia .. ..1904–5–6–7–8–9–10.
" " Ohio ..... .1907–9 ; 1908–10, bound.
" " Oklahama . ...1909–10–11, bound.
" " Oregon ..... . 1906–7–8–9, bound.
" " Pennsylvania .... 1906–7–8–9–10.
" " Prince Edward Is.. 1906–7–8–9–10.
" " Quebec ... ...1906–7–8–9–10–11.
" " Queensland.... ..1904–5–6–7–8–9–10.
" " Rhode Island ... .1906–7–8–9–10.
" " Saskatchewan ... .1906–7–8–9–10.
" " South Africa ... 1907–9.
" " South Australia .. 1907–8–9–10–11.
" " South Carolina ... 1908–9–10.
" " South Dakota .....1906–7–8–9–10.
" " Tasmania . . ...1909–10.
" " Tennessee . .... . 1907–11 ; 1908–9–10, bound.
" " Utah ..... . 1907–8–9–10–11.
" " Vermont .... 1907–8–11, bound ; 1909.
" " Victoria.... . ..1906–7–8–10.
" " Virginia..... 1907–8–9–10–11.
" " Washington .....1905–6–7–8–10, bound.
" " West Australia .. 1907–8–9–10.
" " West Virginia .... 1906–7–8–9–10, bound.
" " Wisconsin .... ..1909, bound ; 1910.
" " Wyoming .... 1906–7–8–9–10.
" " Scotland .... . . 1907–8–9–10–11.
" " England.. .....1908–9–10–11.
" " York G.L. Mexico .1911.

MISCELLANEOUS

Proceedings G.L. Alabama, 1821–39.
Proceedings Supreme Council, 33, 1908–9–10.
Roster, California, 1910.
An Irish Utopia
Freemasonry in Russia and Poland.
In Memoriam, S. D. Nickerson.
Report Masonic Home Committee, New Jersey, 1908.
Report Masonic Board of Relief, California, 1909.

Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, 1908.
Report General Masonic Relief Fund, California, 1906.
Masonic Homes, &c., North Dakota, 1908.
Nebraska Masonic Home, 1909.
Constitution, &c., New York, 1909.
Centennial History Oxford Lodge, Maine.
Masonry and Waterloo, Iowa, 1910.
William Howard Taft, His Admission to the Masonic Fraternity
Making Masons at Sight.
Grand Master's Inherent Power to make a Mason at Sight.
Masonic Teaching, Bible Truth.
Laureation of R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead.

BOUND

History of Freemasonry, Gould, Vols. 1 & 2.
History of Freemasonry, Gould, Vol. 1.
Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727–1907. 2 Vols.
Proceedings Grand Lodge, Nebraska, 1908–9.
History of Grand Lodge and Masonry, District of Columbia.
History Grand Lodge, Iowa, Vol. 1, 1844–65.
Proceedings G.L. North Carolina and Tennessee, 1804–1840
Franklin Bi-Centenary Celebration, Penn.
Seni-Centennial G.L. Nebraska, 1857–1907.
Theodore Sutton Parvin Mervin, Iowa.
Masonic Manual, Alabama, 1908.
Virginia Text Book, 1907.
Masonic Code, 1910.
Masonic Code, Iowa, 1910.
" " N. Dakota, 1906.
" " Washington, 1908.
" " Minnesota, 1910.
Monitor and Ceremonies, Nebraska, 1909.
Constitution, Delaware, 1909.
" Kentucky,
" Scotland,
History of Doric Lodge, Maryland.
History of Damascus Lodge, Ill.
Proceedings Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., 1908-9-10.

Resolved, on motion of V.W. Bro. H. J. Robie (9) and R.W. Bro. J. T. Stephenson (31): "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library."

COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with instructions issued at last Grand Lodge Communication, the following cablegram was issued:

CALGARY, ALTA., June 21st, 1911.

COLONIAL SECRETARY,
London, England.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, kindly convey our congratulations and expressions of Loyalty to their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary, and best wishes for a long and prosperous reign.

GEORGE MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

To this cablegram the following reply was received:—

OTTAWA, July 12th, 1911.

SIR:—

His Excellency the Governor General desires me to inform you that he has received a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies stating that His Majesty the King has been pleased to command that an expression of His appreciation and thanks may be conveyed to Mr. George Macdonald and the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Free and Accepted Masons for their loyal congratulations and good wishes to Their Majesties on the occasion of their coronation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(signed) C. J. JONES,
Asst. Governor General's Sec.

GEORGE MACDONALD, Esq.
c.o. Masonic Lodge,
Calgary.

A communication was read from the John C. Yorston Publishing Company with reference to a sketch of formation of Grand Lodge of Alberta to appear in A Library of Freemasonry, being published.

Letter read from E. W. Rugg Company re publishing proceedings.

Letter read from V.W. Bro. H. Payne, Grand Representative at Tasmania.

Letter read from Acme Lodge 60, Acme, regarding their loss by fire.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and R.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10): "That the several communications read be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The representatives of sister Grand Lodges as reported present were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Canmore, Alta., May 23rd, 1912.

To THE M.W. GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District.

This District as at present constituted comprises eight lodges, as follows: Bow River No. 1, Calgary ; Cascade No. 5, Banff ; Perfection No. 9, Calgary ; Calgary No. 23, Calgary ; Ashlar No. 28, Calgary ; King Solomon No. 41, Cochrane ; Mount Lebanon No. 54, Calgary, and King George No. 59, Calgary.

I have visited officially Cascade Lodge No. 5, Perfection No. 9, and King Solomon No. 41. I was present at, officially, the institution of King George and Mount Lebanon Lodges. I had the honor to accompany the Most Worshipful Grand Master during his visit to Cascade No. 5 and King Solomon No. 41, and also when he instituted King Solomon and Mount Lebanon Lodges.

The books of the lodges visited were in good order and well kept. The reports herewith would show that the membership in the District is increasing steadily. The financial condition of the Lodges is in good shape and in general I would say that Masonry is progressing steadily.

The work put on in the different lodges visited was quite up to standard, but I must make particular mention of the exemplification of the Master's Degree as put on in Perfection Lodge No. 9. This work was magnificent.

I am given to understand that one of the lodges in the District is making arrangements to secure suitable building lots, having in view the erection and ownership of their lodge rooms. This, I think, is a step in the right direction.

At the time of my election to the office of D.D.G.M. I was averse to accepting the office, and stated so, my duties at Canmore being such as would not permit my giving the office the proper time and attention. The election was gone on with, however, and at this time I have only to say that I have done the best I could, and regret very much indeed that I was unable to visit each lodge at least once.

I want to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me in electing me as D.D.G.M., and I have also to thank the brethren for the kindness shown and the courtesies extended during my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY W. EVANS, D.D.G.M
District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Taber, Alta., May 22nd, 1912.

TO THE M.W. GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:

DORIC LODGE NO. 31

My first official duty was a visit to this Lodge on July 4th. The W.M. put on the degree work in an excellent manner. The Lodge is fortunate in having W. Bro. Veale as Secretary, as the books are always in good shape and written up to date. Attendance fair.

BOW ISLAND, U.D.

On retiring from office, R.W. Bro. Burnett handed to me the Dispensation for this new Lodge, and on July 11th, assisted by W. Bro. Veale and other brethren, I instituted it. Their prospects seemed good, as they had nine applications to deal with the first night. I later visited this Lodge when the M.W. the Grand Master paid his official visit, and was pleased to see that they were making progress.

Grassy Lake No. 57

On October 12th I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master and assisted in constituting this Lodge and installing its officers. The prospects of this Lodge seem very bright, as officers and members are very enthusiastic. The books are well kept by the Secretary. On February 8th, I again visited this Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Veale, for the purpose of installing the officers, they having secured a dispensation to instal out of time, not being able to secure Past Masters at the proper time.

Mizpah No. 35

On February 26th, I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master on a visit to this Lodge. The third degree was exemplified in the most perfect manner, and Mizpah Lodge is to be congratulated on the efficient officers it has. The attendance was good, and from the enthusiasm shown, I am sure the prospects of the Lodge are good.

Medicine Hat No. 2

On February 27th, again in company with the M.W. the Grand Master, I visited this Lodge, and had the pleasure of seeing the third degree put. Unfortunately I was obliged to leave in order to catch a train home, when the degree was half over, but the work was equally as good as that of the sister Lodge the previous evening. The attendance was splendid, and the books are kept in splendid shape by the Secretary.

Lethbridge No. 39

On April 18th I visited this Lodge on their regular meeting night, but owing to a candidate having disappointed them, there was no degree work. However, I am sure the degree work would be well done from the manner in which routine business was carried on. I examined the books and found them well kept except the Historical Register, which was not started. However, the W.M. promised to attend to this at once. Attendance fair.

North Star No. 4

On May 13th I visited this Lodge on the night of their regular meeting but there was no degree work on. However, this Lodge needs no comment on the work they do. The books are in good hands and well kept. Attenance fair.

On April 10th I received petition from brethren in North Lethbridge, recommended by North Star and Lethbridge Lodges, asking for a new Lodge. I made arrangements and examined the officers. I found them well qualified, and as they also had a suitable hall, I recommended that a dispensation be granted. The M.W. the Grand Master instituted this Lodge, named Charity Lodge, on May 17th.

I wish to thank the M.W. the Grand Master for having relieved me of work which was unhandy for me to do, namely, constituting Chief Mountain Lodge at Cardston on July 26th, and instituting Carmangay and Diamond City Lodges.

I am pleased to report that Masonry in the Second Masonic District is flourishing, there having been four new Lodges instituted during the year. The Lodges are all making good healthy Masons and are in good financial condition.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for the honor they have conferred on me in electing me D.D.G.M., and also to thank the brethren of each Lodge for the kindness with which I was received on the occasion of my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. STEPHENSON, D.D.G.M.,
District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Vegreville, Alta., May 25th, 1912.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to herewith fraternally submit my report on the condition of Masonary in the Third Masonic District and a report of my official acts during the past year.

In the first place let me thank the brethren of this district for conferring on me the honor of electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M

On October 5th, 1911, by the request of the M.W. Grand Master and assisted by M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, R. W. Bro. R. H. Christie and other brethren, I constituted Unity Lodge, No. 51, M. W. Bro. Dunlop installing the officers. The officers and brethren are very enthusiastic and in the near future this will be one of the first Lodges in the Grand Register.

On November 5th, 1911, I had the pleasure of accompanying the M.W. G.M. McNabb to Victoria Lodge, No. 13, at Fort Saskatchewan and on November 6th, to St. John's Lodge, No. 25 at Vegreville on his official visit.

This district comprises 12 Lodges, Leduc on C. & E., all on G.T.P. and C.N.R. and Greater Edmonton.

The dates of my official visits were;

Palestine	No. 46, at Tofield, on April 8th, 1912
Buffalo Park	No. 44, at Wainwright, on April 9th, 1912
Acacia	No. 11, at Strathcona, on April 11th, 1912
Victoria	No. 23, at Fort Saskatchewan, on April 27, 1912
Hope	No. 38, at Manville, on April 29, 1912
Vermilion	No. 24, at Vermilion on April 30th, 1912
St. John's	No. 25, at Vegreville, on May 6th, 1912
Star of the West	No. 34, at Leduc on May 7th, 1912
Jasper	No. 14, at Edmonton, on May 9th, 1912
Unity	No. 51, at Edmonton, on May 9th, 1912
Empire	U. D. at Edmonton, on May 9th, 1912
Edmonton	No. 23 at Edmonton, on May 23rd, 1912

The work was put on or exemplified in each of these visits and in a most satisfactory manner. The examination and other essentials, I am sure, would impress each of the candidates.

I made a very careful inspection of the Historic Registers and find the formation of the Lodges well written up, with one exception which no doubt has been attended to by now.

It is pleasing to be able to report the condition of Masonry in this district as very flourishing.

In the D.D.G.M. report for the year 1910, was the suggestion that this district could safely be divided into two and with the addition of two places applying for dispensation, the great mileage necessarily travelled in visiting the Lodges. I would again ask you to consider the advisability of making this change.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the brethren throughout this district for the very courteous and friendly manner in which I have been received when visiting the different Lodges and would ask that the same friendliness be extended to my successor.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. FIELD, D.D.G.M.,
District No. 3. G.R.A.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Olds, Alta., May 20th, 1912.

TO THE GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBRETA, A.F. & A.M.

I beg to present the following report of District No. 4:—

On November 29th, 1911, I visited Mountain View Lodge No. 16 in company with the M.W.G.M., Thos. McNabb. This Lodge conferred the M.M. Degree in an efficient and dignified manner. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors and the Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

On November 30th, I visited Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, in company with the M.W.G.M.

On account of the cold weather the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been, yet there was a fairly good turnout. This is the oldest Lodge in District No. 4 and is in a flourishing condition, financially and otherwise and has a very efficient set of officers.

On December 1st, 1911, I visited Crossfield Lodge No. 48 and assisted M.W.G.M. to constitute this Lodge and install the officers. I paid a second visit to this Lodge at a later date and saw the M.M. Degree conferred. This Lodge should be complimented on having a very able set of officers who are working very harmoniously. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

On December 8th, I visited Bowden Lodge No. 42 in company with the M.W.G.M., although no work was put on I know from previous visits that this Lodge is in good working condition.

On December 9th, I visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, in company with M.W.G.M. and found the Lodge in a very prosperous condition. The financial condition of this Lodge is excellent and the officers and members very enthusiastic.

On April 18th, 1912, on instructions from the M.W.G.M., I visited Trochu and instituted Hiram Lodge, U.D., assisted by Bros. R. C. J. Stevens, W. H. Hammer, J. H. Johnson, R. B. Campbell, and several of the other officers and members from Mountain View Lodge No. 16. This Lodge has very bright prospects and has good officers.

I regret exceedingly, my inability to visit Acme Lodge, No. 60 and Carstairs, No. 20, owing to circumstances over which I had no control.

Fraternally submitted,

J. DUFF, D.D.G.M.,
District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Ponoka, May 20th, 1912.

TO THE M.W. GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District I beg to submit the following report:—

WETASKIWIN LODGE NO. 15, WETASKIWIN.

I visited this Lodge accompanied by W. Bro. Manning of Britannia Lodge, on January 11th, 1912. The Third Degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by the newly installed officers, the lectures being

given in a complete and very impressive style. This is the oldest as well as the strongest Lodge in this District; they have a good Lodge room, well furnished. The officers are very efficient; finances of the Lodge are in good condition, and the books are exceedingly well kept. R.W. Bro. Wilkins who is secretary, is a valuable support to this Lodge.

BRITANNIA LODGE NO. 18

I visited this Lodge officially on November 2nd 1911. This Lodge is making good progress, the average attendance of the brethren at Lodge meetings is fair, books are well kept, and the finances are in good condition. They have a capable set of officers, who are upholding the practical side of Masonry, and are doing good work. R. W. Bro. Jackson, Grand Junior Warden, is a member of this Lodge, and gives valuable assistance to the officers. This Lodge has bright prospects.

CAMROSE LODGE NO. 37, CAMROSE

I visited this Lodge accompanied by W. Bro. Manning of Britannia Lodge on November 9th, 1911. As the Master of this Lodge had moved away from Camrose, W. Bro. Younge presided, and assisted by the officers conferred the Third Degree in a very able manner. My next visit to this Lodge was on May 9th, 1912, when I held a Lodge of Installed Masters, and with the assistance of W. Bros. Scanlon and Younge conferred the Installed Master's Degree on W. Bro. McLeod.

This Lodge is making good Masonic progress, under capable officers, books are neatly and well kept, Lodge is out of debt and financially strong.

TUSCAN LODGE NO. 43, KILLAM

On October 28th, 1911, I granted this Lodge permission to remove from their former Lodge room to their present quarters.

I visited this Lodge on November 1st, 1911, and was agreeably surprised to find a good attendance of brethren including a number of visitors, all very enthusiastic Masons. As the Lodge was about to lose Bro. Allan, one of its officers, by his removal to another part of the dominion, the brethren took the occasion to show in a practical manner, their esteem for a worthy brother as well as their appreciation of his past services in the Lodge, and his efforts for the advancement of Masonry.

I again visited this Lodge on May 1st, 1912; while I did not witness any degree work I find that the officers are capable and well informed with regard to their duties, and guard well the ancient landmarks of Masonry.

They have a very comfortable Lodge room, good furniture, and books are well kept. A spirit of prefect harmony prevades their Lodge room. The prospects of this Lodge is very good.

COMET LODGE NO. 50, HARDISTY

On November 17th, 1911, I had the honor of being present and assisting the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, in Constituting this Lodge and Installing the officers.

At the close of the ceremony the Grand Master gave a very instructive address, having particular reference to the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of Masons.

On April 9th, 1912, I visited this Lodge a second time. I did not have an opportunity of seeing any degree work, but judging from the manner in which the business of the Lodge is conducted, I am satisfied that the officers are thoroughly competent. The average attendance is small, owing to the fact that a number of the brethren live some distance out in the country, and some have moved away.

PROVOST LODGE NO. 61, PROVOST

On January 24th, 1912, I visited Provost and by authority of the M.W. the Grand Master, constituted this Lodge, and installed the officers, assisted by W. Bro. Manning of Ponoka and W. Bro. Purdy of Provost. I also held a Lodge of Installed Masters conferring the I. M. Degree on R.W. Bro. Wilson of Provost Lodge. A large number of the brethren including visitors attended on this occasion. Although this Lodge was only Instituted on March 29th, 1911, it is making rapid progress. They have a good Lodge room, well furnished, are in good financial condition and their books are well kept.

The Master and officers are practical and energetic Masons. The success of this Lodge is assured.

COAL LODGE U.D., BAWLF

I visited this Lodge on December 21st, 1911, when the E.A. Degree was conferred by W.M. Miner, assisted by the officers of the Lodge.

The Degree work was done in a fairly creditable manner.

My next visit to this Lodge was on May 16th, 1912. I found a very good attendance notwithstanding the fact that the Master and some other members of the Lodge reside at a distance of twelve or more miles from their Lodge room.

The Lodge room is neat and very comfortable, with serviceable furniture. This Lodge is making some progress, they have some good material in their officers and members, with very good prospects for the future. W. Bro. Swanson who is a regular visitor at their meetings, is rendering valuable assistance to the officers. I would recommend that a Charter be granted to this Lodge.

I am pleased to report that Masonry appears to be making good progress throughout the 5th Masonic District. Membership is increasing, and Lodges are in good financial condition.

I wish to thank the brethren of this district for the honor conferred on me, and to express my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A. REID, D.D.G.M.,
District No. 5.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

First Day — Afternoon Session

Labor Resumed

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 2 o'clock p.m.

Present :

M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb, G.M., Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Nanton, May 20th, 1912.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District I beg to submit the following report:—

CAIRO LODGE NO. 32, CLARESHOLM

I had the honor of visiting this Lodge on October 17th, 1911, in company with the M.W. the Grand Master, who made his official visit on the same evening and delivered an interesting address to the brethren. The Second Degree was conferred in a capable and impressive manner. The Lodge room is comfortable and well furnished. The historical register is exceptionally well written up to date. Minutes are neatly and well kept.

STAVLEY LODGE NO. 33

I visited this Lodge on December 29th, 1911, and had the pleasure of installing the Master and investing the officers of the Lodge. This Lodge is very fortunate in having two enthusastic and capable Past Masters W. Bro. Jaurnick and V.W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins which adds greatly to the stability and success of the Lodge. They have a comfortable Lodge room, own the building and furnishings, and are both Masonically and financialy prosperous. Their minutes are neatly and accurately kept.

NANTON LODGE NO. 17

I made arrangements to visit this Lodge on October 21st, 1911, in company with the M.W. the Grand Master, but owing to the W.M. having met with an accident preventing his attendance and as this is my home Lodge I was requested to take the chair and postpone my visit. I visited this Lodge on January 6th, 1912, and had the pleasure of installing the Master and investing the officers of the Lodge. The Historical Register is well written up to date. The minutes are neatly and accurately kept. This Lodge is very fortunate in having an enthusiastic Secretary which adds much to the success of the Lodge.

IOPTA LODGE NO. 40

I had the honor of visiting this Lodge on January 5th, 1912, when the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master and V. W. Bro. Brewster and a number of brethren from MacLeod were present and with their assistance I installed the Master and invested the officers of the Lodge. They meet in a comfortable Lodge room which is well furnished. Their minutes are neatly kept. This Lodge is fortunate in being situated close to the MacLeod brethren from whom they receive good Masonic support.

CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 22

I visited this Lodge accompanied by Bro. Frantzen of Nanton Lodge on May 3rd, 1912. The Third Degree was conferred in a beautiful and impressive manner. The W.M. did his work well and received good assistance from his capable set of officers. The Lodge room is well furnished. The minutes are well kept. R.W. Bro. Hodson, P.D.D.G.M. is a member of this Lodge and one of its most active workers which adds to its success.

CORNERSTONE LODGE NO. 19

It is unnecessary to make a lengthy report on the Banner Lodge of this district and one of the best in the Province, which I visited on April 25th, 1912. As this Lodge has been a most progressive one in the past so it is even more so at the present time. The officers and Past Master, ably assisted by the brethren, meeting in an exceptionally furnished Lodge room carefully observe the ancient land marks and faithfully uphold the traditions of our beloved order.

In conclusion let me thank the Masters and brethren of the different Lodges in this district for the kindness I have received at their hands during the past year and assure you M.W. Sir., of the beautiful feeling of harmony and brotherly love which prevails throughout this district.

Fraternally Submitted,

G. H. LEGLER, D.D.G.M.,
District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bassano, May 28th, 1921.

TO THE M.W. GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Bro.:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District for the the year ending May 29th, A.L. 5912.

Before going into the detail report of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, I would express my sincere appreciation to the brethren for the kindly and courteous manner in which I have been received in visiting the various Lodges.

GLEICHEN LODGE NO. 36, GLEICHEN

I visited Gleichen Lodge No. 36, on their regular meeting held on April 2nd, 1912. All three degrees were conferred in a very able manner. This Lodge have their quarters very comfortably furnished. The Sectary R.W. Bro. Canon Stocken, P.G. Chaplain, is to be commended for the manner in which the books of this Lodge are kept. Harmony exists in this Lodge to a very marked degree. The records show a very healthy growth, the Tyler's register shows a good average attendance.

LANGDON LODGE NO. 52, LANGDON, ALTA.

On receiving instructions from the Grand Lodge, I visited Langdon Lodge No. 52, and officially constituted it on Thursday October 12th, 1911, and installed W. Bro. Omar Botsford, as First Master, and invested the different officers. The Third Degree was conferred by the W. M. and officers, in a manner which brought out the salient points of Masonry prominently. The records I found to be well kept, with the exception of the Historical Register. This Lodge also possesses nice comfortable quarters.

STRATHMORE LODGE NO 53, STRATHMORE, ATLA.

On September 4th, 1911, after receiving the instruction of the Grand Lodge, I constituted Strathmore Lodge No. 53. I was well received by the Brethren. The degree work was exemplified by the officers and members, in a very satisfactory manner; owing to the lateness of the hour, I was unable to install the officers, and left that very pleasant duty to W. Bro. M. Downie, who performed the said ceremony at a meeting, held on Monday September 11th, 1911. I again visited this Lodge, on the evening of April 29th, 1912. At this meeting the First Degree was exemplified satisfactorily. In examining the Tyler's register, I found a remarkably high average attendance, and I also found very careful and thorough reports on the part of the investigating committee.

BASSANO LODGE NO. 55, BASSANO, ALTA.

On Monday August 21st, 1911, I visited my own Lodge, Bassano, No. 55, and assisted M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, S.G.W., in constituting this Lodge. I also assisted in installing V.W. Bro. L. S. Hanson-Powter, G. Organizer as first W.M. and invested the various officers. On Saturday December 2nd, 1911, I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master, T. McNabb, on his official visit. A

large attendance was at this meeting and the Grand Master received a very cordial and hearty welcome and the Second Degree was conferred. On the night of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th, 1911, I again visited this Lodge and installed the officers, with W. Bro. E. C. Smail as W.M. In examining the books as kept by the Secretary and Treasurer, too much cannot be said, every thing is in order and all books up to date, and these officers are a credit to any Lodge.

GENERAL

I am pleased to say that Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District is in a flourishing condition, membership in all Lodges is on the increase, notwithstanding the fact that a very careful selection of applicants is exercised.

The high ideals of Masonry are being maintained throughout the district, and the welfare of the Craft is being carefully preserved by the several Lodges.

Special mention should be made of the enterprise shown by the Bassano brethren, they have incorporated "The Bassano Masonic Building Co., Ltd." and have secured two very desirable town lots, and are intending to build a Masonic Temple thereon, which they hope to complete in the near future. This plan no doubt will be followed by the other Lodges in the district, in fact I am informed the Gleichen Lodge have already started along the same line.

I regret that owing to business engagements, I was unable to accompany the Most Worshipful the Grand Master further than Bassano through this district.

I am led to believe that petitions to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge will be received in the near future from the brethren of the towns of Brooks and Redcliffe, and I sincerely hope that my successor in office will have the pleasure of recommending them, as there are some very enthusiastic Masons in these towns.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 7 for the honor they have conferred upon me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. and would ask for my successor the same friendliness which has been extended to me by all.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BINNS, D.D.G.M.,
District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Coleman, May 20th, 1912.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Bro.:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District for the year 1912.

There are five Lodges in this district and extends from MacLeod in the East to Coleman in the West.

During my term of office I have visited all the Lodges twice, with one exception, Alberta at MacLeod, which I had the privilege of visiting only once.

I had the honor and pleasure to accompany the M.W. Grand Master in his visits to the Lodges in Cowley, Frank and Coleman.

The only increase in membership are Alberta, two; Sentinel, three; Summit shows a decrease of one. Summit and Sentinel have been adversely affected by the prolonged strike in the mines in their respective districts, but I am glad to state that prospects are brightening for both.

I regret to say that the town of Frank is reported by a Government Commission unsafe to live in, owing to the state of Turtle Mountain, and the brethren of Sentinel Lodge, with the consent of the M.W. Grand Master have decided to move to Hillcrest.

I have been very fortunate to see degrees conferred in all the Lodges, and in every instance the W. Master and Officers conducted the work very efficiently.

I found all the Secretaries doing good work; books neat and correct, the historical record kept in an interesting manner, most of them up to date.

I regret to report in most Lodges the attendance of the brethren is not as good as it ought to be, the reason I have been unable to ascertain.

On April 5th, I held a Lodge of instruction in Spitzie Lodge at Pincher Creek, there was a very large attendance. North Star Lodge of Lethbridge exemplified the Third Degree in the York Rites in a manner so complete and interesting as to win the thanks and commendation of all present; the Second and First Degrees were exemplified by Alberta and Spitzie Lodges respectively and in a most commendable manner. I am convinced that a Lodge of Instruction, well conducted, is profitable and should be held every year.

I am pleased to report that the prospects of Masonry in this district are good, more particularly in MacLeod and Pincher Creek.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Brethren of district No. 8 for electing me to the high office D.D.G.M. and also for the very kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received by the different Lodges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. CAMERON, D.D.G.M.,
District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Red Deer, May 21st, 1912.

TO THE GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Bro.:

I beg to submit the following report respecting District Number 9:—

I am pleased to report that the Lodges in this district have made good progress during the past year, and that there is every indication that this rate of progress will be increased in the future.

I have found a desire on the part of the officers of the Lodge to try to do their duty to their Lodge and to the craft in general, and, with few exceptions, have found them capable and earnest. In some Lodges the work of the Lodge has been retarded by elected officers leaving for other places. This was particularly noticeable in regard to Stettler Lodge, and the result was that the Lodge was nearly wrecked.

I think that the Lodges might give more attention to charity, as I find that practically nothing is done in that line outside of one Lodge. It is possibly true that Masons in this district have little opportunity to assist a brother and also possible that much is done that is not reported to the Lodge, but charity need not be confined to brethren in distress.

I am pleased to see the good class of candidates being initiated into the Lodges in the district. I have tried to impress on the officers of the different Lodges that the greatest care should be taken to ascertain the character of candidates.

I am confident that Masonry will make wonderful progress in this district in the future.

EUREKA LODGE NO. 10, LACOMBE.

I had the honor of accompanying the most Worshipful Grand Master to this Lodge on November 25th. Though it was Saturday night when many members could not attend, there was still a good turn out and some good addresses were made. Early in January this Lodge had the misfortune to lose their Lodge room by fire, all of their furniture and most of their books. To see the splendid room they have now, well furnished and equipped, is to understand that it is well with Eureka Lodge. Under the guidance of Rt. W. Bro. Carruthers the books are well kept and the finances in good order.

RED DEER NO. 12, RED DEER.

This, my mother Lodge, is making the same good progress as the other Lodges in the district are. Financially it is one of the strongest Lodges in the Province, owning some valuable property on one of the main streets. The work of the Lodge is well conducted, though I regret that the books have not been kept written up to date. The Lodge room is also too small for the attendance at times. At present the matter of building a Masonic Temple is under consideration.

APPOLLO LODGE NO. 27, STETTLER.

This Lodge was in an unfortunate condition during 1911 being almost dead. Their Lodge room had been destroyed by fire previously and they had to give up their rented Lodge room during the summer. Some of the officers and the most active members had left for other places and conditions were as bad as possible. I had arranged to visit this Lodge in November with the most Worshipful Grand Master, but as the Lodge did not

have a room to meet in the visit was cancelled. The officers however accompanied us to Castor and brought their books for inspection. They were in a deplorable condition. Dues had not been collected for a long time and the books had not been kept written up. The officers promised to arrange for a Lodge room at once and attend to the work and I am pleased to report that they have done so and that conditions are much better than they were before January 1st, 1912.

KENILWORTH NO. 29, RED DEER.

This Lodge, which is the only one in this district using the Canadian Work. is making splendid progress. The officers and most of the members are young men and enthusiastic in their work and the members are faithful in attending meetings. There is no doubt of the future of this Lodge. Finances are in good shape and the books well kept. As noted before, the question of the members of Red Deer and Kenilworth Lodges forming a Masonic Temple Association has been under discussion and I trust it will result in a Temple being erected that will be a credit to the order.

IONIC NO. 45, ALIX.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on November 27th, with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who installed the officers for the ensuing year. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

As far as attendance of members and enthusiasm of officers and members are concerned I consider this the banner Lodge of the district. It was particularly noticeable the number of country members who are regular attendants. The finances are in good shape and the books well kept.

BEAVER NO. 56, CASTOR

On November 24th, I had the honor and pleasure of visiting this Lodge with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who constituted the Lodge and installed the officers. There was a good turnout of nembers and visitors and a cordial reception was given the visitors. The affairs of this Lodge are well conducted. They have a splendid hall and furniture and I have no doubt that, with the good officers they started out with and the enthusiastic members they will make substantial progress.

It was a great pleasure for me to accompany the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his visits to the Lodges through this district. I enjoyed the talks and addresses made by him and learned much of masonry from them.

Fraternally submitted,

A. T. STEPHENSON,
District No. 9.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23) and R.W. Bro. E. D. H. Wilkins (15),"That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

TO THE M.W. GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

The board of General Purposes reports that it met at Banff on June 1st, 1911, at which meeting the appointment of members to the several sub-committees was made for the ensuing year.

The board again met at Edmonton on May 28th, 1912, when the several matters requiring attention were distributed to the various committees concerned with the same. These several matters will appear in the reports as presented by the sub-committees and which have been adopted by the board.

COMMUNICATIONS

Cablegram to His Majesty with congratulations on Coronation and Reply:—

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bros. W. M. Connacher and J. H. W. S. Kemmis that they be filed.

Request for short history G.L. Alberta, referred to Grand Register for correction and completion of history including fuller history of Saskatchewan Lodge and the 18 Lodges forming Grand Lodge, October 5th, 1905, on motion of M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor and R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod.

Letter from Rugg Co. with price for printing proceedings, moved by R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod and W. Bro. E. T. Bishop that 1,000 copies of proceeding be ordered from Rugg Co.

Letter from our Grand Lodge Representative of Tasmania, ordered filed.

Petition from Acme for board to hear deputation regarding their fire loss and liabilities to Grand Lodge.

The Master and Junior Warden of Acme were heard by the members of the board and after the matter was discussed it was moved by R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson and R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor that indebtedness at time of fire amounting to $81.40 be remitted—carried

ROBERT PATTERSON,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod (1) and W. Bro. H. S. Waterbury (23), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Edmonton, May 28th, 1912.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA.

Your committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to report as follows:—

We have examined the books of the several lodges under dispensation and find them all in good order and well kept, and recommend that they be granted Charters as follows:—

Coal Lodge at Bawlf
Empire Lodge at Edmonton and
Bow Island at Bow Island

With regard to Diamond City Lodge at Diamond City, we find that they have an exceptionally well kept set of books, but as this Lodge was only instituted in March, 1912, we would recommend that the Charter be witheld until the D.D.G.M. of district No. 2 can make a satisfactory report as to their proficiency, when the Charter shall be immediately issued.

As it has been brought to the attention of your committee that King Hiram No. 21 is already on our Grand Register, therefore we recommend that the brethren at Trochu be instructed to choose another name for their Lodge before a Charter issues.

Fraternally submitted,

J. KEMMIS,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22) and Bro. H. H. Glass (23), "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

Edmonton, Alta., May 29th, 1912.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Auditors beg to report that we have carefully audited the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, have compared the entries therein with proper vouchers, have verified the cash balance and all other assets and securities, and found them correct.

The books of Grand Lodge are in excellent condition, more particularly those of the Grand Secretary, whose duties have increased largely during the past year and are now very onerous.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. BLAIR,
T. F. ENGLISH,
Auditors.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Edmonton, Alta., May 29th, 1912.

TO THE M.W. GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Finance Committee have pleasure in presenting the Usual Financial Statements for the past year. These Statements show the Grand Lodge to be in excellent financial position, and the progress of the past year has been most gratifying.

The necessary special meetings of your special committee were held during the year and all payments made by the Grand Treasurer were duly authorized after a careful audit of the accounts.

We recommend that the sum of $500 be transferred to the Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund during the coming year if the cash balance allows of such a withdrawal.

We wish to specially mention the very efficient manner in which the Grand Secretary is conducting his office, the duties of which have largely increased during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and R.W. Bro. J. H. Binns (55), "That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Edmonton, Alta., May 29th, 1912.

To the Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that during the past year we have had only one demand for charity, amounting to $50. However, many of the Lodges in our jurisdiction have contributed most liberally to benevolent work.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. Connacher,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), and V.W. Bro. H. J. Robie (9), "That the Report of the committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

The Committee on Grievance report that they wish to have their report held over. Granted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

Edmonton, Alta., May 28th, 1912.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta

Your committee on the condition of Masonry beg to report as follows:—

We regret that all the reports are not to hand, this making it difficult to arrive at a true estimate of the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and

we recommend that Grand Lodge do not grant the rank of P.D.D G.M. to those who neglect to send in their reports on time, and in this connection we would remind the secretaries of lodges that they should be prompt in sending their reports to their district deputy, who, to shield them, delay their own reports.

The reports we have examined show that the high standard of character that should always prevail in the Craft, is maintained. No suspensions except a small number of N.P.D. show in the reports. The increase in members has been normal and healthy, the attendance shown, a good general average, and the financial standing of almost every Lodge is sound, but we would draw the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the following Lodges carry no insurance, Nos. 18, 23, 27, 29, 30, 35, 39, 49, 50, and 58, and recommend that special attention be directed to the necessity of all Lodges insuring their property.

The very small amount shown in the relief column as given by the Lodges, does not, we believe, show a tithe of the total amount really disbursed. It would be well if the Grand Lodge could be informed as to the real sum so given.

We beg to recommend that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following brethren:—

Right Worshipful Brother, H. W. Evans, of Canmore
" " " T. J. Stephenson, of Taber.
" " " G. H. Legler, Nanton
" " " A. Reid, of Ponoka.
" " A. Cameron, of Coleman.
" " " A. T. Stephenson, of Red Deer.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. J. DUNLOP,
Chairman.

Edmonton, May 29th, 1912.

To The M.W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. and A.M.

Your committee on the condition of Masonry find they are obliged to make a supplementary report as follows:—

The report of districts No. 3, 4 and 7 came to hand this morning. With regard to district No. 3, the D.D.G.M. held his report for the returns from Lodges Nos. 11 and 14, and No. 11 has not yet made any report. We recommend that this matter be strongly represented to the Lodges in question; the D.D.G.M. further recommend that district No. 3 be divided, there will be 14 Lodges this year and to visit them once only will require over 1300 miles of travel, in fact the R.W. Bro. covered this extent of territory last year. We find the same prosperous condition of Masonry exists in this district as in the others, but must draw the attention of G.L. to the fact that Lodges Nos. 25, 38 and 51 carry no insurance. With regard to district 4 the same reason held up the D.D.G.M. report. Lodges Nos. 20 and 60 making no returns whatever. Again we must recommend that this matter be taken up with the Lodges. In this district one Lodge, No. 60, lost its papers and books by fire and the returns show no insurance for this Lodge or Nos. 42 and 21, otherwise the Craft in this district is in good condition.

District Deputy of district No. 7 handed in his report this morning; we regret very much to say that through some misadventure, the Statistical report of the district is not with the report, the R.W. Bro. stating that he never received the forms to fill out from G. Secretary, nor any returns from the Lodges in this district. The D.D.G.M. has visited all the Lodges in his district, some of them twice; they are apparently in a flourishing condition.

Your committee apologize for the length of this supplementary report which is unavoidable under the circumstances and would recommend that on the appointment of D.D.G.M's., when they are invested, they should be especially instructed to see that returns are promptly made.

Having regard to the fact that the Lodges are to blame for the delays in presenting reports and also that the D.D.G.M.s have faithfully visited their Lodges and watched over the welfare of the craft. We have pleasure in further recommending that:

R.W. Bro. C. W. Field of Vegreville
" " J. Duff of Olds
" " J. H. Binnis of Bassano

for Past Grand rank.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. DUNLOP,
J. KEMMIS,
I. A. JACKSON.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop (14) and R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Edmonton, May 28th, 1912.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

Your committee on jurisprudence beg to report as follows:—

That no question has arisen requiring any action by them, and beg to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the harmony that prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. TAYLOR,
J. KEMMIS,
E. T. BISHOP.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7) and W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your committee are pleased to report that their relations with sister jurisdictions are most friendly.

At the meeting of the Board of General Purpose, held in Banff, June 1st, 1911, it was decided that the review of the reports of proceedings of foreign jurisdictions be entrusted to one man, previous methods having proved useless.

R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, chairman of the above committee, was authorized to make this review.

We are pleased to present review of 51 Lodges completed by R.W. Bro. Taylor. This review is as concise as its usefulness would permit and we recommended that it be embodied in the Annual Proceedings as an appendix thereto.

W. G. Lowry,
G. Macdonald.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. G. Macdonald (1) and W. Bro. D. Hope (1) "That the report of the committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your committee appointed to report on the Grand Master's Address beg to observe as follows:—

We desire to congratulate the M.W. the Grand Master on the fact that during his year of administration, peace and prosperity has reigned supreme throughout this jurisdiction and that friendly and cordial relations continue to exist with the foreign jurisdictions in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

We also note with appreciation that rapid growth of Masonry during the Masonic year, thus keeping apace with the great development existing throughout the province.

We commend our Grand Master for the labor displayed in visiting every subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, but recognize the fact that in the near future it will be impracticable for succeeding Grand Masters to keep up this record with its rapidly increasing numbers and would therefore suggest that this Grand Lodge keep in mind the necessity of appointing at no distant date some eminently qualified brother to impart instruction to the brethren, especially of the younger Lodges.

We heartily approve of the decisions rendered by the M.W. the Grand Master and are pleased to note that it was not necessary on his part to discipline any member or Lodge during his term of office.

We also approve of the suggestion of the Grand Master that the W.M. of each subordinate Lodge or a P.M. specially qualified, be requested to read in open Lodge the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and that a copy of the same form the nucleus of a library in every subordinate Lodge.

We heartily endorse the action of our Grand Master in his endeavor to have Lodges of instruction held in the various districts under the supervision and guidance of the D.D.G.M. of each district and trust that not one only but many may be reported as being held during the present year.

We regret to learn that so many officers of subordinate Lodges have not read with sufficient care the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, thus saving our Grand Master and Grand Secretary much unnecessary work.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. DUNLOP,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop (14) and R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Edmonton, May 29th, 1912.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on the Report of the Grand Secretary beg to report as follows:

The report is a most complete and concise statement of the Grand Lodge during the past year.

It is gratifying to note the progress of the Grand Lodge in the way of increased membership, the prosperous condition of our finances and the number of dispensations issued for new Lodges.

We are pleased to note continued improvement in correctness and promptness in the preparation and forwarding of returns to the Grand Secretary. There are, however, yet several delinquents in this respect. We recommend that the representatives of the various Lodges attending this Communication report the necessity of giving these returns prompt attention, also that the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges be notified in the matter.

After carefully analyzing this report, and inspecting the office work, we are in duty bound to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the faithful and very efficient services of our Grand Secretary, and we recommend that his salary be increased to $1,800 per annum, payable as heretofore.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. Macdonald,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9) and R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

We, your committee on Grand Lodge Library, note with satisfaction the receipt not only of the proceedings of the different sister Grand Lodges but of several valuable works on Masonry. While no doubt the Grand Librarian has already conveyed the thanks of Grand Lodge to the various donors, yet we wish again in this report to express our appreciation of these gifts to our Grand Lodge.

H. C. Taylor,
S. Y. Taylor,
E. D. H. Wilkins.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7) and R.W. Bro. E. D. H. Wilkins (15), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Librarian's report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ALBERTA MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Edmonton, Alta., May 29th, 1912.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. and A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your special committee on Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund beg to submit the following report:—

The following donations were received during the year :—

Edmonton Lodge No. 7	$13.00
Calgary Lodge No. 23	50.00
Provost Lodge No. 61	17.50
Grand Lodge of Alberta	500.00
Greig Mortgage repaid	3000.00
Bonus Greig Mortgage	60.00
Interest Mortgages	423.60
Interest Savings Account	15.37
	$4079.47

Making a total balance at credit of the Fund of $6068.96, invested as follows:—

Mortgages	$4600 00
Cash in savings bank	1468.96
	$6068.96

The number of cont ibutions made to this fund during the past year by the Lodges is anything but cred table, and we strongly urge that its claims be more strongly and persistently presented by the D.D.G.M's and other Grand Lodge officers on their offic al visits.

Negotiations have been entered into with the proper officials for the purpose of securing a section of land, but as yet with no definite results.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22), "That the report of the Committee on the Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

We herewith present the report of your committee on the Fraternal Dead, with the request that you will order a memorial record to be made of those who have ended their labors with the craft here below.

Wherever men congregate from time to time, there must ever be the reminder of the vacant seat to call us to a contemplation of the most significant fact of life, which is death. Especially is this true of our Masonic Communications, for, as time goes on and we increase in numbers, it is to find that there is no decrease in the proportionate number of brethren called to eternal rest and refreshment by the G.A.O.T.U.

During the past year no less than thirty, or twice the number shown in the previous report, have been taken from our Fraternal Household. And while we do not wish to eulogize any, we feel constrained to mention W. Bro. James Winn, who was better known to this Grand Lodge than any other of those we are called upon to mourn. W. Bro. Winn was suddenly taken from us on January 21st, 1911 and although he had reached a ripe old age, it came as a lesson to each of us that, "we should so number our days that we might apply our hearts unto wisdom."

No less than twenty-one of our Lodges have been called to mourn the loss of some of their members; and to these, as a Grand Lodge, we would hereby extend our broadest sympathies. And with the Lodges thus diminished we would unite in offering the consolation of the Supreme Master to the widows and fatherless, who most keenly realize the pain of parting.

It has also been brought to our notice that death has been abroad in sister jurisdictions, and many illustrious brethren have been called to their reward.

We would therefore respectfully recommend that, in our annual book of proceedings, memorial pages be dedicated to our own departed brethren and to those of the sister jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT PATTERSON,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3) and R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted."

W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe (23) very feelingly placed before Grand Lodge Report of the serious illness of our R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Senior Grand Warden.

Resolved on motion of W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe (23) and W. Bro. H. S. Waterbury (23), "That the Grand Secretary be authorized to forward to R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair by wire, an expression of the regrets of Grand Lodge, and extend their sympathy with the earnest hope that he may be speedily restored to his brethren in renewed health and strength."

M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9) addressed the Edmonton brethren, expressing the great appreciation of the visiting members of Grand Lodge at the hearty welcome and generous hospitality extended to them, and pointed out the great good to be derived from the recently erected Children's Shelter, which had been visited by a number of the brethren.

R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28) also supported the remarks on above.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9) and R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), "That this Grand Lodge grant to the Children's Shelter at Edmonton, the sum of $100.00 to furnish the Manual Training Room with tools."

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of regret read from R.W. Bro. H. W. Evans (5) deploring his inability to be present and wishing Grand Lodge a successful Communication.

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and R.W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), Communication was ordered filed.

The M.W. Grand Master announced that at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, May 30th, he would proceed with the election of Grand Lodge officers.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 4 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock a.m. Thursday.

Second Day ⁂ ⁂ Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, May 30th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb, Grand Officers and Representatives.

PRESENTATION TO R.W. BRO. R. H. CHRISTIE

On behalf of the Lodges of District No. 3, M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop presented R.W. Bro. R. H. Christie with a set of Past District Deputy Grand Master's regalia.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. J. J. DUNLOP

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, presented on behalf of Grand Lodge a Past Grand Master's collar and jewel to his predecessor, M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop.

M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald then explained to members that during the term of office of M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, Bro. Dunlop was unable through illness to be present at the laying of the cornerstone of the new school at Bassano, where he had promised to officiate. M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald had acted for him and now presented him with a handsome silver trowel suitably engraved as a memento of that event.

M.W. Bro. Dunlop, taken completely by surprise by these gifts, replied very feelingly, though not equal to the surprise of the moment.

PLACE OF MEETING

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon (12) and W. Bro. R. H. Darlow (45), "That Grand Lodge hold its next Regular Communication at Banff, and that the expense of entertaining Grand Lodge be borne by the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Your committee on credentials beg leave to report that they findvotes as follows:—

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Bow River			3	7		10
2	Medicine Hat	2	1		1		4
3	Alberta	3			2		5
4	North Star	2	1		2		5
5	Cascade				2	3	5
6	Spitzie				1		1
7	Edmonton	2	1		10		13
8	Innisfail	2		1	2		5
9	Perfection	2	1		3		6
10	Eureka			3	2		5
11	Acacia	1	1	1	6		9
12	Red Deer				2		2
13	Victoria	3			2		5
14	Jaspar	2		1	4		7
15	Wetaskiwin	3			1		4
16	Mountain View	2	1		1		4
17	Nanton	2	1		3		6
18	Britannia	1	1	1	4		7
19	Cornerstone	2	1		1		4
20	Carstairs	3			3		6
21	King Hiram	3			1		4
22	Corinthian	3			2		5
23	Calgary	1	1	1	2		5
24	Vermilion	3			2		5
25	St. John's				2	3	5
26	Sentinel						
27	Apollo				1	3	4
28	Ashlar	1	1	1	3		6
29	Kenilworth	2	1				3
30	Summit		3		1		4
31	Doric	3			1		4
32	Cairo						

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
33	Stavely	3			2		5
34	Star of the West		3		2		5
35	Mizpah						
36	Gleichen	2	1		2		5
37	Camrose	3					3
38	Hope						
39	Lethbridge	2		1			3
40	Joppa				1	3	4
41	King Solomon						
42	Bowden				1		1
43	Tuscan	3					3
44	Buffalo Park	1	1	1	1		4
45	Ionic	3			2		5
46	Palestine	3			1		4
47	Chinook			3	1		4
48	Crossfield	2		1			3
49	Robert Burns			3			3
50	Comet						
51	Unity	1	1	1	1		4
52	Langdon		3				3
53	Strathmore	3			2		5
54	Mt. Lebanon				1	3	4
55	Bassano	3			2		5
56	Beaver			3			3
57	Grassy Lake	3			1		4
58	Chief Mountain						
59	King George		3		1		4
60	Acme	2		1			3
61	Provost	3					3
U.D.	Coal						
U.D.	Empire	1	1	1			3
U.D.	Bow Island	2	1				3
U.D.	Diamond						
U.D.	Hiram						
U.D.	Charity						
							254
	Necessary to elect						127

We find that the following Lodges are not represented:—

Sentinel	No. 26	Cairo	No. 32
Mizpah	No. 35	Hope	No. 38
King Solomon	No. 41	Comet	No. 50
Chief Mountain	No. 58		

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. FIELD, Dist. No 3,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. C. W. Field (25) and R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted."

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as Scrutineers, R.W: Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), W. Bro. C. E. Cope (7), and R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1), when the election proceeded with the following results :—

R.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Grand Master.
R W. Bro S. J. Blair (9) Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), re-elected, Grand Treasurer.
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), re-elected, Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. T. M. Turnbull (7), Grand Registrar.
Bro. Rev. Robert Pearson (29), Grand Chaplain,

and by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. R. H. Finch (9), re-elected Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren were elected by the representatives and Past Masters of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :—

W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe (23), First Masonic District
V.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson (7), Third Masonic District.
V.W. Bro. R. Hollinger (21), Fourth Masonic District
W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (43), Fifth Masonic District.
V.W. Bro. G. H. Jaurnick (33), Sixth Masonic District.
V.W. Bro. A. R. Yates (36), Seventh Masonic District
W. Bro. D. L. Murison (3), Eighth Masonic District
W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell (45), Ninth Masonic District.
V.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe (24), Tenth Masonic District

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:—

R. W. Bro. W.M. Connacher (9), Calgary.
R.W. Bro W. G. Lowry (34), Leduc
V.W Bro M. M. Downey (53), Strathmore.
R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22), Okotoks.

These replacing the following brethren whose term of office has expired :—

R. W. Bro. H. S. McLeod (1), Calgary.
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary.
R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), Leduc.
R.W. Bro. H. J. Smith (6), Pincher Creek.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, Grand Master elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments :—

W. Bro. D. Hope (1), Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), Junior Grand Deacon.
V.W. Bro. L. S. Hanson-Powter, re-elected, Grand Organist.
W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. A. H. MacLachlan (50), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. E. V. Dooley (4), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. G. C. S. Paterson (22), Grand Steward
W. Bro. J. W. Miller (49), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. A. L. Clemens (53), Grand Steward.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Binns (55), Grand Pursuivant.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following telegram was received from the Senior Grand Warden :—

Calgary, May 29th, 1912.

DR. GEO. MACDONALD,
Masonic Temple,
Edmonton.

Unable to attend communication on account of illness. Convey regrets.

S. J. BLAIR.

Communication from the Superintendent of Dependent and Delinquent Children inviting Officers and Members to visit and inspect the Children's Shelter building.

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, "That communications be received and filed."

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m.

Second Day — Afternoon Session

LABOUR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb, G.M., Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

DIVISION OF DISTRICT NO. 3

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. C. W. Field (25) and W. Bro. D. Dyer (7), "That District No. 3 be divided into two Districts as follows : District No. 3 to be composed of Lodges 7, 11, 14, 34, 51, Empire and Edson U.D., and a new District No. 10 to be composed of Lodges 13, 24, 25, 38, 44, and 46."

VOTE OF THANKS

Resolved on motion of W. Bro. D. Hope (1) and R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the brethren of the City of Edmonton for their generous hospitality during our attendance at this session of Grand Lodge."

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The newly elected officers present were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb, and the appointed Grand Officers present invested.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Seventh Annual Communication was closed in AMPLE FORM at 4.30 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1912

M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Macleod ....Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary.. . . . Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Ponoka . Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary. Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary D.D.G.M. No. 1 District
R.W. Bro. H. A. Driggs (57), Grassy Lake D.D.G.M. No. 2 District
R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson (7), Edmonton D.D.G.M. No. 3 District
R.W. Bro. R Hollinger (21), Didsbury. D.D.G.M. No. 4 District
R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (43), Killam D.D.G.M. No. 5 District
R.W. Bro. G. H. Jaurnick (33), Stavely . D.D.G.M. No. 6 District
R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates (36), Gleichen D.D.G.M. No. 7 District
R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison (3), Macleod. D.D.G.M. No. 8 District
R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell (45), Alix. . D.D.G.M. No. 9 District
R.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe (24), Vermilion D.D.G.M. No. 10 District
R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Calgary . . Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary. . Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. T. M. Turnbull (7), Edmonton ... .Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Rev. Robt. Pearson (29), Red Deer . .Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. D. Hope (1), Calgary . . .. . Senior Grand Deacon
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IN MEMORIAM
of the
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister
Grand Lodges

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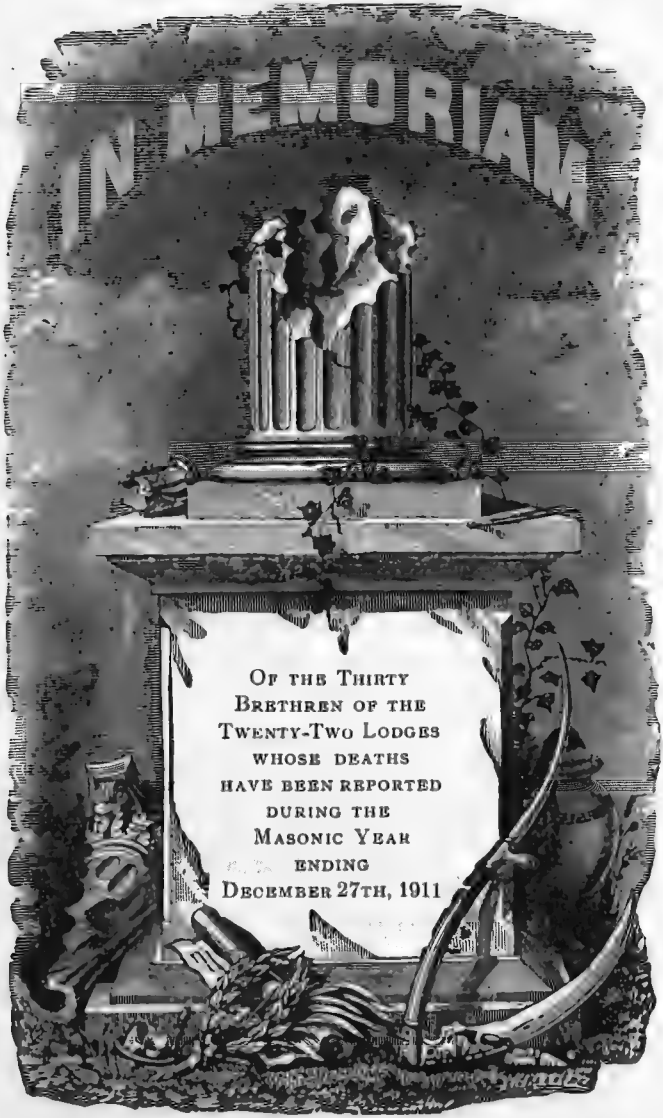
REVERENTLY INSCRIBED TO THE HONORED DEAD OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama	William H. Dingley, Grand Treas.	Sept. 16	1911
Arizona	Thomas S. Bunch, D. Grand Master	June 10	1911
Arkansas	Geo. A. Dannelly, P. Grand Master	Dec. 4	1911
Connecticut	Samuel Bassett, Past Grand Master	Aug. 14	1911
Delaware	John P. Allmand, P. Grand Master	March 24	1912
Iowa	Willard L. Eaton, P. Grand Master	June 7	1911
Maryland	Henry C. Larrabee, P.D.G. Master		1911
Massachusetts	Samuel C. Lawrence, P.G. Master	Sept. 24	1911
Mississippi	M. M. Evans, Past Grand Master	Nov. 9	1911
Mississippi	Enoch G. DeLap, P. Grand Master.	Dec. 24	1911
Mississippi	John S. Cobb, Past Grand Master	Jan. 17	1912
Montana	N. P. Langford, P. Grand Master	Oct. 18	1911
Nebraska	M. R. Hopewell, P. Grand Master	May 2	1911
Nebraska	C. K. Coutant, Past Grand Master	Aug. 23	1910
North Carolina	Francis M. Moye, P. Grand Master	May 28	1911
North Carolina	Chas. F. Bahnson, Grand Lecturer	Feb. 16	1911
North Carolina	Chas. C. Clark, P. Grand Master	Oct. 30	1911
Nova Scotia	Hon. William Ross, P. Grand Master	March 17	1912
Ohio	J. McK. Goodspeed, P. Grand Master	June 11	1911
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn, Grand Secretary	Oct. 17	1911
Rhode Island	James Bacon Gay, Grand Master	Nov. 25	1911
South Carolina	Jacob T. Barron, P.G.M. & G.S.	Sept. 16	1910
South Dakota	Charles W. McDonald, P.G.T.	March 11	1912
Washington	Rev. Wm. Pelan, Grand Chaplain	Sept. 21	1911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TO THE HONORED DEAD OF OUR OWN JURISDICTION

Bow River, No. 1	Bernard, W. L.			1911
Medicine Hat, No. 2	Hall, John T.	Sept.		1911
Alberta, No. 3	Becher, C. T. D.	Feb.	22	1911
North Star, No. 4	Johnston, Geo.	April	25	1911
Cascade, No. 5	Marsh, A. S.	June	18	1911
Spitzie, No. 6	Mitchell, E. J.	Feb.	25	1911
Edmonton, No. 7	Fielders, J. C.	Jan.	1	1911
	Martin, W. Y.	Nov.	7	1911
Perfection, No. 9	Rosby, George	Jan.	23	1911
	Campbell, J. H.			1911
	Jamieson, R. R.	May	30	1911
	McNeill, Douglas	May	30	1911
	Reid, J. J.			1911
	Winn, James	Jan.	21	1911
Mountain View, No. 16	Williams, J. R.	Jan.	29	1911
Nanton, No. 17	Carruthers, D.	April	3	1911
Cornerstone, No. 19	Gray, G. F. P.	Sept.	27	1911
	Henderson, C. B.	Aug.	1	1911
Calgary, No. 23	Wolton, H. W.	May	3	1911
St. John, No. 25	Grose, S. T.	Jan.	19	1911
Cairo, No. 32	Frost, G. W.	April	6	1911
Stavely, No. 33	Park, James D.	Dec.	3	1911
Star of West, No. 34	Baker, James	Feb.	11	1911
Mizpah, No. 35	Gilroy, F. W.	Feb.	27	1911
Lethbridge, No. 39	Fleming, W. C.	Jan.	18	1911
	Tilley, Andrew	Feb.	26	1911
Unity, No. 51	Donaldson, Wm.	Feb.	2	1911
Mt. Lebanon, No. 54	Lake, J. A. H.	Nov.	21	1911
Beaver, No. 56	Thompson, A. B.	May	11	1911
Grassy Lake, No. 57	McCrosthie, J. D.	Aug.	28	1911

LODGE DIRECTORY

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STATISTICAL TABLES

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	W. Master	Secretary	Address	Night of Regular Meeting
1	Bow River	D. Garriock	D. Hope	5 Mackie Blk. Calg.	Second Monday in each month
2	Medicine Hat	J. Elliott	R. M. Napier	Medicine Hat	Tuesday on or before full moon
3	Alberta	Jas. A. Webb	F. Morris	Macleod	Wednesday on or before full moon
4	North Star	B. B. Hoyt	J. A. Reid	P.O. 1809, Le'hbri'e	Second Monday in each month
5	Cascade	G. M. Atkin	W. H. Kidner	Banff	Thursday on or before full moon
6	Spitzie	A. C. Kemmis	T. J. Cumberland	Pincher Creek	Friday on or before full moon
7	Edmonton	Daniel Dyer	A. West	448, 15th St., Edm.	Third Thursday in each month
8	Innisfail	D. Morkeburg	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month
9	Perfection	W. M. Connacher	D. O. McHugh	413 Hull Blk., Calg.	Third Tuesday in each month
10	Eureka	G. H. Hutton	N. E. Carruthers	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month
11	Acacia	Stewart Hill	H. A. Thompson	Edmonton South	Second Thursday in each month
12	Red Deer	W. Springhett	W. E. Payne	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month
13	Victoria	J. McK. Hughes	R. E. Staples	Ft. Saskatchewan	Tuesday on or before full moon
14	Jasper	E. T. Bishop	D. J. Smith	856, 6th St., Edm.	Second Monday in each month
15	Wetaskiwin	G. D. Wallace	E D. H. Wilkins	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month
16	Mountain View	J. H. Johnson	James Robertson	Olds	Saturday on or before full moon
17	Nanton	J S. Blaise	Walter Frantzen	Nanton	Third Friday in each month
18	Britannia	G. E. Bowker	H. E. Manning	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month
19	Cornerstone	V. C. W. Stanley	P. G. Thomas	P.O. 232, High River	Thursday on or before full moon
20	Carstairs	W. A. Shields	C. W. Moore	Carstairs	Thursday on or before full moon
21	King Hiram	A. G. Studer	John Nixon	P.O. 176, Didsbury	Tuesday on or before full moon
22	Corinthian	A. Z. Hicks	P. C. Reed	Okotoks	First Friday in each month
23	Calgary	H. S. Waterbury	A. J. Davis	P.O. 598, Calgary	First Friday in each month
24	Vermilion	Jos. McKone	A. W. Roseborough	P.O. 14, Vermilion	Tuesday on or before full moon
25	St. John's	H. S. Monkman	A. S. Maxwell	Vegreville	First Monday in each month
26	Sentinel	Jas. Nicol	R. W. Thompson	Hillcrest	Wednesday on or before full moon
27	Apollo	Wm. Dunlap	G. F. Brebber	P.O. 156, Stettler	First Monday in each month
28	Ashlar	F. S. Selwood	A. W. Trickey	P.O. 1769, Calgary	Second Thursday in each month
29	Kenilworth	H. H. Humber	L J. Hamley	Red Deer	Wednesday on or before full moon
30	Summit	A. M. Morison	W. L. Ouimette	Coleman	First Thursday in each month
31	Doric	W. P. Coombs	A. P. Veale	P.O. 316, Taber	Tuesday on or before full moon
32	Cairo	H. O. Haslam	J. T. Kingsley	Claresholm	Third Tuesday in each month
33	Stavely	R. A. McFarlane	A. D. Irvine	Stavely	Tuesday on or before full moon
34	Star of the West	E. C. Wills	R. M. Watt	Leduc	First Tuesday in each month
35	Mizpah	H. D. R. Stewart	O. W. Kealy	Medicine Hat	Tuesday after full moon
36	Gleichen	T. H. Beach	Rev. Canon Stocken	Gleichen	Tuesday on or after full moon
37	Camrose	K. C. McLeod	J. A. Younge	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month
38	Hope	S. V. Lea	Percy Fielding	Mannville	Monday on or before full moon
39	Lethbridge	J. T. Graham	J. E. Rannard	P.O. 537, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month

40	Joppa	R. W. Jell	P. S. Clark	Granum	Thursday on or before full moon
41	King Solomon	D. McMillan	E. G. Cole	P.O.M., Cochrane	Friday on or before full moon
42	Bowden	Wm. Wilson	Herbert Taylor	Bowden	Wednesday on or before full moon
43	Tuscan	Wm. Gibb	C. E. McGowan	Killam	Wednesday on or before full moon
44	Buffalo Park	W. E. Washburn	O. C. Smith	Wainwright	Thursday on or before full moon
45	Ionic	G. H. Darlow	H. G. Finch	Alix	Thursday before full moon
46	Palestine	J. L. Hammond	A. J. H. McCauley	Tofield	Wednesday on or after full moon
47	Chinook	W. J. Lighthart	M. A. Murphy	Cowley	Monday on or before full moon
48	Crossfield	T. H. E. Magee	Jas. Cavander	Crossfield	Tuesday on or before full moon
49	Robert Burns	J. W. Miller	W. R. Cumming	Carmangay	Thursday on or before full moon
50	Comet	A. H. MacLachlan	Walter Scott	Hardisty	Second Tuesday in each month
51	Unity	A. W. Richards	Geo. Donnelly	440, 14th St., Edm.	First Tuesday in each month
52	Langdon	O. Botsford	F. Stelle	Langdon	Thursday on or before full moon
53	Strathmore	A. L. Clemens	G. F. Butler	Strathmore	Monday on or before full moon
54	Mt. Lebanon	C. J. Gale	Jas. Shaw	P.O. 515, Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month
55	Bassano	E. C. Smail	L. S. Hanson-Powter	P.O. 95, Bassano	Tuesday on or before full moon
56	Beaver	R. J. Dinning	W. H. Howard	Castor	First Wednesday in each month
57	Grassy Lake	Thos. H. Oddie	H. B. Moss	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month
58	Chief Mountain	D. S. Beach	G. H. Harman	Cardston	Second Saturday in each month
59	King George	T. H. West	A. Nickol	233, 7th Ave., Calg.	Second Friday in each month
60	Acme	Jno. H. Owen	C. S. James	Acme	Thursday on or before full moon
61	Provost	John Wilson	N. A. Kilburn	Provost	Wednesday on or after full moon
62	Coal	Jas. Miner	J. W. Thirsk	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month
63	Empire	E. H. Cope	T. W. Teape	1255, 2nd St., Edm.	First Monday in each month
64	Bow Island	J. W. Hurd	W. A. Bateman	Bow Island	Tuesday on or before Full moon
65	Diamond City	N. T. Beeman	Geo. Porter	Diamond City	Second Friday in each month
66	St. Andrew	Wm. Posthill	D. G. Code	P.O. 23, Trochu	Thursday on or before full moon
U.D.	Charity	R. B. C. Thomson	A. Williamson	Lethbridge	Second Friday in each month

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1	Bow River	20	20	23	17	....	..	18	...	1	222	250	28	..
2	Medicine Hat	15	14	17	2	..	.	3	..	1	139	152	13	...
3	Alberta	5	5	5	4	1	8	....	....	2	73	73	....	....
4	North Star	17	14	17	9	1	5	...	....	1	196	217	21	....
5	Cascade	7	8	8	3	1	1	...	...	1	92	101	9	...
6	Spitzie	2	3	4	3	....	3	...	....	1	72	73	1	...
7	Edmonton	17	12	13	20	1	3	...	...	2	290	323	33	...
8	Innisfail	3	5	5	..	...	3	...	....	....	53	53	.....	....
9	Perfection	23	19	22	21	1	15	1	...	6	391	414	23	....
10	Eureka	7	7	5	2	....	1	....	....	....	68	77	9	....
11	Acacia	18	16	16	7	2	7	2	....	....	85	103	18	....
12	Red Deer	7	5	5	3	....	1	....	....	....	56	65	9	....
13	Victoria	5	2	2	1	....	2	....	1	....	67	70	3	....
14	Jasper	13	14	7	7	1	3	...	....	....	167	185	18	....
15	Wetaskiwin	7	5	5	2	...	5	1	....	...	55	58	3	....
16	Mountain View	6	6	6	3	....	..	..	...	1	35	43	8	..
17	Nanton	2	2	3	1	...	1	4	....	1	63	60	....	3
18	Britannia	4	3	3	1	....	..	....	....	....	37	42	5	..
19	Cornerstone	21	19	17	5	...	7	2	....	2	115	130	15	....
20	Carstairs	4	2	3	1	..	7	...	....	....	49	47	.....	2
21	King Hiram	4	2	3	1	....	1	..	..		40	44	4	..
22	Corinthian	6	5	4	1	1	1	10	..	..	48	45	.....	3
23	Calgary	14	11	12	12	...	2	....	...	1	99	122	23	....
24	Vermilion	5	5	5	2	..	4	...	..	..	44	47	3	..

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25	St. John	7	4	6	1		3			1	48	52	4		
26	Sentinel	3	4	5			2				46	47	1		
27	Apollo	3	5	5	3		11	5			51	41			10
28	Ashlar	10	8	12	10		1				102	121	19		
29	Kenilworth	11	11	8	5		1				33	48	15		
30	Summit	1	1	2	1		1	1			33	33			
31	Doric	5	4	7	3		4				39	43	4		
32	Cairo	5	2	2	2		2	3		1	48	49	1		
33	Stavely	9	15	9	1		3			1	49	55	6		
34	Star of the West	6	8	7	2					1	23	30	7		
35	Mizpah	11	9	7	5			1		1	38	52	14		
36	Gleichen	5	6	5	4		2				35	42	7		
37	Camrose	5	1	3	5						26	36	10		
38	Hope	2	3	2							36	38	2		
39	Lethbridge	8	7	7	9		4	1		2	78	88	10		
40	Joppa	2		1	1						28	31	3		
41	King Solomon	2		1							26	28	2		
42	Bowden	1	3	2	1						15	17	2		
43	Tuscan	6	6	2	4						24	34	10		
44	Buffalo Park	7	5	6	2		2				35	42	7		
45	Ionic	6	4	4	1		1				34	40	6		
46	Palestine	5	7	3	2		1				18	24	6		
47	Chinook	1	1	3			1				18	18			
48	Crossfield	7	6	5			1				24	30	6		
49	Robert Burns	8	5	3	1						22	31	9		
50	Comet	1		1							17	18	1		
51	Unity	63	44	32	22		3			1	101	182	81		
52	Langdon	6	6	6	1						28	35	7		
53	Strathmore	8	8	8	5						14	27	13		
54	Mount Lebanon	26	30	49	5					1	69	99	30		
55	Bassano	15	10	10	8						14	37	23		

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56	Beaver	16	15	9	6	....	....	....	....	1	14	35	21	....
57	Grassy Lake	7	6	6	1	....	....	....	....	1	17	24	7	....
58	Chief Mountain	7	6	5	..	....	....	....	....	..	12	19	7	....
59	King George	27	23	17	9	....	....	....	....	....	19	55	36	....
60	Acme	11	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	25	11	....
61	Provost	8	2	6	1	....	....	....	....	....	11	20	9	....
U.D.	Coal	5	3	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	8	13	5	....
U.D.	Empire	8	8	8	19	....	....	....	....	....	.....	27	27	....
U.D.	Bow Island	6	5	4	12	....	....	....	....	....	.....	18	18	....
	Total	592	501	493	282	9	124	52	1	31	3823	4498	693	18

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe (23)

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No. 5 Cascade . . .... Banff
No. 9 Perfection . . ... .Calgary
No. 23 Calgary . ...Calgary
No. 28 Ashlar ..... Calgary
No. 54 Mt. Lebanon .. .Calgary
No. 59 King George ... ...Calgary
No. 41 King Solomon .Cochrane

District No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. A. Driggs (57)

No. 2 Medicine Hat .. Medicine Hat
No. 4 North Star. . Lethbridge
No. 31 Doric . . ..Taber
No. 35 Mizpah ... ...Medicine Hat
No. 39 Lethbrigde . . ..Lethbridge
No. 49 Robert Burns . . Carmangay
No. 57 Grassy Lake ... ...Grassy Lake
No. 58 Chief Mountain .Cardston
No. 64 Bow Island . ...Bow Island
No. 65 Diamond City Diamond City
U.D. Charity .... . . Lethbridge

District No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson (7)

No. 7 Edmonton . .....Edmonton
No. 11 Acacia .. . . Edmonton South
No. 14 Jasper ..... Edmonton
No. 34 Star of the West ...Leduc
No. 51 Unity . ..... Edmonton
No. 63 Empire . ..... Edmonton

District No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. Hollinger (21)

No. 8 Innisfail .... Innisfail
No. 16 Mountain View... .Olds
No. 20 Carstairs ....Carstairs
No. 21 King Hiram.... ..Didsbury
No. 42 Bowden.....Bowden
No. 48 Crossfield . ..... Crossfield
No. 60 Acme ..... Acme
No. 66 St. Andrew .. ..Trochu

District No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (43)

No. 15 Wetaskiwin .....Wetaskiwin
No. 18 Britannia ..... . .Ponoka
No. 37 Camrose . . . . . Camrose
No. 43 Tuscan .... Killam
No. 50 Comet . .. . Hardisty
No. 61 Provost . . ..Provost
No. 62 Coal..... .....Bawlf

District No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. H. Jaurnick (33)

No. 17 Nanton .....Nanton
No. 19 Cornerstone .....High River
No. 22 Corinthian .....Okotoks
No. 32 Cairo .....Claresholm
No. 33 Stavely ..... Stavely
No. 40 Joppa .....Granum

District No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates (36)

No. 36 Gleichen .....Gleichen
No. 52 Langdon ..... Langdon
No. 53 Strathmore .....Strathmore
No. 55 Bassano .....Bassano

District No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison (3)

No. 3 Alberta .... Macleod
No. 6 Spitzie .... .Pincher Green
No. 26 Sentinel . ... . .Hillcrest
No. 30 Summit .. . . Coleman
No. 47 Chinook ... .. . .Cowley

District No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell (45)

No. 10 Eureka .... .Lacombe
No. 12 Red Deer ... .Red Deer
No. 27 Apollo ....Stettler
No. 29 Kenilworth .. . . Red Deer
No. 45 Ionic ..... .Alix
No. 56 Beaver .. . . Castor

District No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. M. A. Brimacombe (24)

No. 13 Victoria .. . . Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24 Vermilion .... .. Vermilion
No. 25 St. John .... .Vegreville
No. 38 Hope .... Manville
No. 44 Buffalo Park ..... .Wainwright
No. 46 Palestine .....Tofield

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Jurisdiction.	From Grand Lodge of Alberta.	To Grand Lodge of Alberta.
Alabama	W. Bro. R. E. Steiner, Montgomery	W. Bro. R. B. Ferguson, Edmonton.
Arizona		W. Bro. J. A. Simpson, Innisfail.
Arkansas	R.W. Bro. F. G. Lindsay, Bentonville	R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Calgary.
British Columbia	W. Bro. J. H. Greer, Vancouver	R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Pincher.
Canada	W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay	R.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, Edmonton.
California		
Colorado	W. Bro. W. S. Pickerell, Durango	W. Bro. W. L. Elliott, Lacombe.
Connecticut	W. Bro. S. E. Downs, Danbury	W. Bro. S. R. Hodson, Okotoks.
Cuba	W. Bro. Theo. Breton, Havana	W. Bro. Dr. S. W. Hewetson, Pincher.
Delaware	W. Bro. G. H. Baynum, Wilmington	R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, Calgary.
Dist. Columbia	R.W. Bro. Ralph W. Lee, Washington	R.W. Bro. Robt. Patterson, McLeod.
England		M.W. Bro. Dr. E.A. Braithwaite, Edm'ton
Florida	W. Bro. R. H. Cooper, Palutka	V.W. Bro. A. N. Saddington, Banff.
Georgia	W. Bro. A. Q. Moody, Boston	V.W. Bro. F. R. Exham, Calgary.
Idaho	W. Bro. J. W. Wallin, Pocatello	R.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb, Lethbridge.
Illinois	W. Bro. H. A. Snell, Litchfield	W. Bro. W. G. Ibbotson, Edmonton.
Indiana		
Iowa		
Ireland		
Kansas	W. Bro. G. D. Adams, Salina	V.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Calgary.
Kentucky		
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. Crow Girard, Lafayette	W. Bro. H. L. Robbins, Calgary.
Maine	R.W. Bro. M. G. Trask	R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner, McLeod.
Manitoba	R.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher, Elkhorn	M.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin, Calgary.
Maryland	W. Bro. A. F. Pimbley, Baltimore	W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, Red Deer.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	R.W. Bro. W. Galligher, Saginaw	M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Edmonton.
Minnesota	W. Bro. E. P. Dotson, Sanborn	R.W. Bro. A. E. Jamieson, Edmonton
Mississippi		
Montana	M.W. Bro. H. L. Frank, Butte	W. Bro. Wm. Jaeger, Edmonton.

New York	R.W.	Bro. Jos. McKay, New York	R.W.	Bro. Dr. C. E. Smyth, Medicine Hat.
Nebraska	W.	Bro. Homer R. Hatfield, York	W.	Bro. Percy Taylor, High River.
Nevada		A. L. F. Durley, Reno, Nev.	W.	Bro. Rev. G. H. Webb, Edmonton.
New Brunswick	V.W.	Bro. Hon. G. T. Baird, Andover	W.	Bro. W. F. W. Lent, Calgary.
New Hampshire	R.W.	Bro. A. W. Sides, Portsmouth	W.	Bro. H. J. Robie, Calgary.
New Jersey	W.	Bro. S. S. Treadwell, Englewood	R.W.	Bro. M. J. Macleod, Edmonton.
New Mexico				
New South Wales	W.	Bro. Wm. T. Wright, Bathurst	M.W.	Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald, Calgary
New Zealand	V.W.	Bro. G. W. Hulme, Auckland	W.	Bro. Dr. H. L. McInnis, Edmonton
North Carolina	W.	Bro. H. R. Dowell, Raleigh	W.	Bro. W. F. Puffer, Lacombe.
North Dakota	W.	Bro. C. E. Tillson, Carrington	W.	Bro. James Reid, Vegreville.
Nova Scotia	R.W.	Bro. C. I. F. Whitney, Lunenburg	R.W.	Bro. Robert Scott, Carstairs.
Ohio		Bro. Jno. P. McClure, Columb., Ohio	R.W.	Bro. A. R. Dickson, Wetaskiwin
Oregon	W.	Bro. H. L. Pittock, Portland	W.	Bro. C. L. Peterson, Didsbury.
Pennsylvania				
Prince Edward Island	W.	Bro. G. B. McNutt, Charlottetown	V.W.	Bro. A. W. R. Markley, Calgary.
Quebec	W.	Bro. W. Williamson, Montreal	V.W.	Bro. Dr. Jno. Westwood, Coleman
Queensland	V.W.	Bro. John Thomas Lorne, Naneb	V.W.	Bro. R. W. Day, Calgary.
Rhode Island	W.	Bro. W. L. Sharpe, East Greenw	W.	Bro. H. E. Daniel, F. Sask.
Saskatchewan	R.W.	Bro. F. B. Lewin, Regina	M.W.	Bro. O. W. Kealy, Medicine Hat.
Scotland	W.	Bro. Col. J. M. Denny, Edinburgh	R.W.	Bro. H. E. Gillis, Calgary.
South Australia				Bro. G. T. Bragg, Edmonton.
South Carolina	W.	F. P. Carrington, Florence	V.W.	Bro. A. C. Messer, Lethbridge.
South Dakota	W.	Bro. Wm. Carpenter, Andover		
Tasmania	V.W.	Bro. H. R. J. Payne, Launceston	W.	Bro. A. Allen, Calgary.
Tennessee	W.	Bro. Junius Hobson, Somerville	W.	Bro. J. I. Brewster, Bowden.
Texas				
Utah	W.	Bro. S. C. Park, Salt Lake City	V.W.	Bro. H. S. MacLeod, Calgary.
Vermont	W.	Bro. C. H. Darling, Burlington	R.W.	Bro. E. N. Brown, Calgary.
Victoria	R.W.	Bro. E. Coulsen, Melbourne	W.	Bro. J. C. F. Bown, Edmonton.
Virginia	W.	Bro. Arista Hoge, Staunton	W.	Bro. J. N. Rankin, Calgary.
Washington	W.	Bro. F. N. McCandless, Tacoma	R.W.	Bro. T. F. English, Calgary.
West Australia	R.W.	Bro. Humble, Perth	R.W.	Bro. C. C. Hoyle, Edmonton.
West Virginia	R.W.	Bro. A. B. Clark, Buckhanum	W.	Bro. R. Hollinger, Didsbury.
Wisconsin	R.W.	Bro. E. L. Urquhart, Medford	W.	Bro. W. M. Connacher, Calgary.
Wyoming				

GRAND LODGES.

Names and addresses of Grand Secretaries, with date when the continuous service of each began:

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Post Office.	Date When Service Began.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery	Dec. 24, 1900
Alberta	Dr. George Macdonald	Calgary	Feb. 21, 1907
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock	Nov. 23, 1881
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson	Nov. 13, 1890
British Columbia	W. A. De Wolf-Smith	New Westminster	June 22, 1911
California	John Whicher	San Francisco	———, 1908
Canada	Ralph Leeming Gunn	Hamilton	.....
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver	Sept. 20, 1904
Costa Rica	Diego Povedano	San Jose	Jan. 31, 1906
Connecticut	Frank W. Havens	Hartford	Jan. 20, 1909
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles	Havana	Mar. 24, 1907
Delaware	Virginius V. Harrison	Wilmington	.....
Dist. of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington	Mar. 16, 1901
England	Edward Letchworth	London	———, 1892
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville	Jan 17, 1896
Georgia	William A. Wolihin	Macon	Mar. 18, 1897
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise	Mar. 5, 1898
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point	Oct. 2, 1906
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis	Feb. 12, 1901
Iowa	Newton Ray Parvin	Cedar Rapids	June 5, 1901
Ireland	Lord Castleton	Dublin	—— —, 1902
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka	Feb. 22, 1894
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville	Oct. 20, 1887
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans	Feb. 11, 1891
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland	Sept. 21, 1891
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg	June 14, 1900
Maryland	George Cook	Baltimore	Feb. 1, 1911
Massachusetts	Thomas W. Davis	Boston	June 30, 1908
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City	April 30, 1903
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul	June 11, 1907
Mississippi	Frederic Gordon Speed	Vicksburg	Mar. 15, 1911
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis	Sept. 27, 1904
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena	May 1, 1907
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha	June 9, 1899
Nevada	Edward D. Vanderlieth	Carson	Oct. 24, 1910
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Saint John	June 8, 1897
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Lebanon	Dec. 13, 1909
New Jersey	Benjamin F. Wakefield	Trenton	April 23, 1908
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque	Nov. 19, 1884
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney	Aug. 16, 1888
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York	June 9, 1882

NAMES AND ADDRESSES—Continued.

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary.	Post Office.	Date When Service Began.
New Zealand	Malcolm Nicol	Auckland	April 27, 1900
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh	Jan. 10, 1895
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo	Mar. 31, 1910
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax	June 13, 1901
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Cincinnati	Oct. 24, 1888
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland	June 12, 1895
Oklahoma	William M. Anderson	Oklahoma City	Mar. , 1910
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia	May 15, 1896
Prince Edward Is.	W. P. Doull	Charlottetown	———, 1910
Porto Rico	Federico Yumet	San Juan	.....
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Jan. —, 1902
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane	.....
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence	May 15, 1901
Saskatchewan	John M. Shaw	Regina	.....
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh	———, 1900
South Africa	Francis Kight	Capetown	.....
South Australia	Charles R. I. Glover	Adelaide	.....
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia	April 15, 1910
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls	June 13, 1894
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart	.....
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville	Jan. 21, 1894
Texas	John Watson	Waco	Dec. 6, 1895
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City	Oct. 8, 1872
Valley of Mexico	Alberto Pro	Mexico	Oct. 6, 1910
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington	June 12, 1902
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond	Dec. 4, 1895
Victoria	Chas. James Barrow	Melbourne	Aug. 1, 1910
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma	June 14, 1906
West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant	Nov. 16, 1905
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee	Sept. 12, 1900
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga	Dec. 8, 1886
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth	.....

NOTE.—The attention of Grand Secretaries is particularly directed to the foregoing list. If there are any errors in the same, I will be glad to have them corrected; and where no date is given, I will esteem it a favor if the Grand Secretary will furnish me with the same.

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1905	Dr. G. Macdonald	H. C. Taylor. . .	T. F. English. . .	O. W. Kealy . . .	E. N. Brown. . .	J. J. Dunlop.	Rev. J. Hinchliffe. .	Rev. J S. Chivers
1906	O. W. Kealy. . . .	Rev. G.H.Hogbin	R. G Matthews	Thos. McNabb	E. N. Brown. . .	J. J. Dunlop.	C H. Stuart-Wade	Rev. J. Hinchliffe
1907	H. C. Taylor . . .	Rev. G H.Hogbin	Thos. McNabb .	J. T. Macdonald	E. N. Brown. . .	Dr. G. Macdonald P. G. M.	C. H. Stuart-Wade	Rev. C. C. Hoyle
1908	Rev.G.H.Hogbin	J. T. Macdonald	J. J. Dunlop . . .	A. E. Jamieson .	Dr. N. J.Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P. G M.	O. W. Kealy. . . . . P. G. M.	Rev. W. R. George
1909	J. T. Macdonald	Thos. McNabb. .	J. J. Dunlop. .	R. Patterson . .	Dr.N. J. Lindsay	Dr.G. Macdonald P.G. M.	O. W. Kealy . . . P. G. M.	Rev. G. H. Webb
1910	J. J. Dunlop . . .	Thos. McNabb. .	R. Patterson . .	S. J. Blair.	Dr.N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	W. M. Connacher	Rev. Canon Stocken
1911	Thos. McNabb. .	R. Patterson . .	S. J. Blair	J. A. Jackson. .	Dr.N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. Macdonald P.G.M.	W. M. Connacher	Rev. S. B. Hillocks
1912	R. Patterson . . .	S. J. Blair.	J. A. Jackson	S. Y. Taylor. . .	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr. G. McDonald P.G.M.	J. M. Turnbull . .	Rev. R. Pearson

Appendix

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Province of Alberta and the Brethren of this Jurisdiction

As chairman of your Committee on Foriegn Correspondence, we beg leave to present this, our first annual review. If the Brethren derive as much profit from its perusal as we have had pleasure in its preparation, we shall feel amply repaid for the labor given to its production.

We consider that it is the province of your Committee to report as fully as space will permit, the events transpiring in the great Masonic world, and thereby to disseminate to the Craft throughout this jurisdiction the decisions and acts of the various Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge. Fearing lest our report should be too lengthy we have been compelled to omit many matters of interest for which we ask our brother reviewers to accept our apologies. As far as practicable we have allowed the speaker or writer to speak in his own language, rather than try to interpret for him.

A careful inspection of 51 volumes of Grand Lodge proceedings discloses a very gratifying condition of Masonry in these Grand Jurisdictions. Material prosperity, rapid growth in membership and generous benefactions of the fraternity continue unabated.

Numerous acts of charity are reported in every jurisdiction, the majority of whom have well equipped Homes for the Aged Masons and their widows and orphans, while others prefer to assist their needy Masons an their dependents and allow them to remain amongst their former associates and friends.

Many interesting questions have been explained by Masonic Authorities and many thoughts worthy of the attention of the best intellects embodied in this review. We commend the same to the careful perusal of the Masons of Alberta.

Appended herewith is a list of the Grand Lodges whose proceedings for 1911 have been received and reviewed.

Your Committee respectfully requests that this report be received and printed with the proceedings as an appendix.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. Taylor,
Chairman.

The following is a list of the Proceedings for 1911, which were reviewed:—

1 Alabama
2 Arizona
3 British Columbia
4 California
5 Canada
6 Delaware
7 Florida
8 Georgia
9 Idaho
10 Illinois
11 Ireland
12 Kentucky
13 Louisiana
14 Maine
15 Maryland
16 Mexico
17 Michigan
18 Minnesota
19 Mississippi
20 Montana
21 Nebraska
22 Nevada
23 North Carolina
24 North Dakota
25 Nova Scotia
26 New Brunswick
27 New Hampshire
28 New Jersey
29 New South Wales
30 New York
31 New Zealand
32 Ohio
33 Oklahoma
34 Pennsylvania
35 Quebec
36 Queensland
37 Rhode Island
38 Saskatchewan
39 Scotland
40 South Carolina
41 South Dakota
42 Tennessee
43 Utah
44 Vermont
45 Victoria (Australia)
46 Virginia
47 Washington
48 Western Australia
49 West Virginia
50 Wisconsin
51 Wyoming

ALABAMA

91st Annual. Montgomery, Dec. 5, 1911.

Two special communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, both for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to distinguished members of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

The deceased brethren were B. Dudley Williams, Past Grand Master and William Henry Dingley, Grand Treasurer.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Montgomery on Tuesday, December 5th, 1911.

Grand Master Lawrence H. Leo had the council and assistance of six Past Grand Masters who were present on that occasion.

Bro. Steiner, Grand Representative of Alberta was also present.

The Grand Master's address is a complete outline of his acts during the year. From his introductory remarks we quote in his own words the following:—

"Masonry, may be said to be a voluntary association of individuals for mutual benefit and mutual improvement, governed by laws, customs and obligations, self imposed, to secure justice, fraternity, mutual happiness, and the just government and perpetuity of the institution itself. In other words, we represent an ideal republic where mutual obligation, mutual interest and mutual service secure fraternity and the greatest good to the whole.

"The bond of union which secures this permanency in so large a body of men, united in one common cause—men differing in nationality, religion, occupation, social and financial standing, ought to elicit more than a mere passing interest.

"It was upon precisely this idea of our ideal republic that Washington and his associates, (all of them Masons) founded our government. Perhaps no better Masonic document was ever penned than the declaration of independence and the Federal Constitution.

"Here, then, exists an ideal republic within that conglomerate mass constituting the nation, composed of a body of men representing equity, fraternity and equality. A living germ within an outer structure numbering between two and three million men.

"Hence arises an important question. Has this body of men, so constituted, so endowed and so prepared for the duties of citizenship no function, office or duty to the community, on the part of the institution they constitute and represent? The answer is found in the distinction existing between our ideal republic and the real republic we call our common country. Here no one is admitted, unless after careful examination, he is found worthy and qualified to assume, and willing to discharge all the obligations necessary to secure fraternal union and permanency. In the real republic no such requisition is made or seems possible. There men clamor for their rights who habitually disregard their duties and ignore all mutual obligations.

"Not only is this true, but today the irresponsible part of the Citizenship of this republic is being added to annually by more than a million of the ignorant, oppressed and revengeful victims of the aristocracy and clericalism of the old world. It is time, therefore, that

we were awake to the meaning and transcendent importance of the existence, maintenance and mission of this ideal republic (which Masonry is) in the midst of the competition, strife and confusion of tongues which constitute our present real republic."

Thirteen dispensations were granted for the formation of new Lodges.

Four dispensations were granted to the Lodges to continue work until the Annual Communication, their charters having been forfeited by reason of failure to hold a communication for six consecutive months.

Fifteen dispensations were granted to sell or mortgage Lodge property.

Ten corner stones were laid by the Grand Master or his representative during the year.

Forty-one dispensations were granted to ballot out of time and confer degrees.

Eleven visits were made by the Grand Master to subordinate Lodges during the year.

The following are some of the decisions given by M.W. Bro. Lee:—

"1. Where a Mason has been tried and convicted and sentenced to be reprimanded, and refuses to attend to receive his punishment, he thereby deprives himself of the rights and privileges of masonry, until he receives his punishment or appeals from the conviction.

"2. When charges and specifications are filed against a brother, and he pleads guilty to one charge and the others are withdrawn by unanimous consent, the brother cannot be tried upon the specifications withdrawn, unless they are made the basis of a new charge and notice given as required by the Code and Constitution.

"3. A Lodge cannot properly place the Lodge seal on anything other than official Lodge business. Its use for advertising of any nature is strictly forbidden.

"4. A brother cannot as a proxy vote for an absent brother on any question arising in a subordinate Lodge. To participate in its deliberations, a member must be present.

"5 A profane engaged in the business of selling spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, is not eligible to receive the Blue Lodge degrees."

Five amendments to the Constitution were proposed but only one received the necessary two-thirds majority.

This amendment reads as follows:—

"There shall be a Committee on Work, consisting of seven, to be appointed by the Grand Master, who shall hold office for a period of

five years unless sooner removed for cause. They shall meet annually at the Grand Lodge hall three days immediately preceeding the meeting of the Annual Communication, to perfect themselves in the work and lectures of the first three degrees of Masonry, as determined upon and established by this Grand Lodge, one day of which shall be devoted to an executive session by the committee for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the chairman of this committee to report the work of the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication, on or before the third day thereof; and the work and lectures so established and reported shall be the only work and lectures recognized by this Grand Lodge, and every subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction shall, and is hereby required to conform to said work and lectures."

The Masonic Home Committee reported good progress in the Construction of the Masonic Home and recommend measures for the permanent conduct of the Home. Their recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The total receipts for this purpose to Dec. 1st, 1911 were $78,150.08

Expenditures $51,940.06 leaving a balance on hand of $26,210.02 which will nearly complete the building as per contract.

A resolution of sympathy was forwarded to Bro. Samuel W. Tate, a faithful member of Grand Lodge, who was absent on account of illness.

A contingent fund of $300.00 for the expenses of the M.W. the Grand Master was included in the Budget of Expenses for the coming year.

The corner stone of the Alabama Masonic Home was laid by the Grand Master in the presence of about twelve hundred Masons. An excellent programme of music and addresses was furnished.

The address of the Hon. Russell M. Cunningham, P.G.M., was of an exceptionally high order.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the years 1910 and 1911 were ably reviewed by Bro. William Y. Fitcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Every item of importance was noted by him. We appreciate his kindly words of encouragement, and are especially pleased to note his approval of the scheme of having Masonic Lectures in the subordinate Lodges, as we claim to some extent the credit of having inaugurated this educational movement in the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Daniel A. Greene.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. George A. Beauchamp.....Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA

29th Annual. Tucson, Feb. 14th, 1911.

A special communication of this Grand Lodge was held during the year on Sunday, the 19th day of June, 1910, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Hewbrew Temple Emanu-El in the City of Tucson.

The address of the Grand Master is concise. Nothing of an unusual nature has transpired during his tenure of office. Peace and good will has prevailed among the brethren of Arizona.

There are twenty Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1912.

One hundred and five new members were added to the roll during the year.

The following general regulations adopted by this Grand Lodge will be of interest to the Craft:—

REGULATION NO. 2

Resolved: "That hereafter there shall be no fee for affiliation within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all subordinate Lodges are hereby orderd to strike same from the By-Laws of their respective Lodges, and confine themselves exclusively to Part VI, Article V, Sec. 167 of our Constitution and By-Laws."

REGULATION NO. 4

Resolved: "That the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of California be and it is hereby adopted as the standard work or Ritual of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Territory of Arizona.

REGULATION NO. 5

Secretaries of subordinate Lodges are authorized to drop from their annual return the names of all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have been returned for two years previous and who have not in that period applied for advancement.

REGULATION NO. 9

It is the order of this Grand Lodge that no suborbinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall incorporate under the State or Territorial law.

REGULATION NO. 12

Hereafter, when a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation in a Lodge in this jurisdiction shall be received, the Master, when appointing the Committee on Investigation, shall not announce the names

of said Committee in open Lodge; but shall privately inform the Secretary as to the names of the said Committee. When this Committee makes its report, it shall be to the Master, and he to the Lodge, and after the vote has been taken, said report shall be destroyed.

The Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Arizona have formed an Association which meets at the same place and on the evening preceding the day set for the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. George James Roskruge, Grand Secretary, was elected President for 1911.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.W. Bro. Henry Alfred Morgan..... ... ...Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. George James Roskruge.. . . . . Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

40th Annual. Victoria, June 22nd, 1911.

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the city of Vancouver for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Constitution.

The report was received and adopted.

M.W. Bro. E. B. Paul, Grand Master, laid the corner stone of the new Convalescent Home and Emergency Hospital in the Town of Duncan on the 22nd of October, 1910.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication. The Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, W. Bro. J. H. Green, was also present.

A message was sent to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, praying him to convey to Their Majesties the hearty and loyal congratulations of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia on the occasion of their coronation.

The address of the Grand Master is a concise, business like presentation of his work for the year. The exhortation at its close is well worth repeating. He says:—

> "Let us ever remember that, like our operative brethren, we must work. The workin g tools were not placed in our hands to be merely looked at and then put aside to rust in idleness. They are for daily and hourly use. Let us not forget their sublime symbolism, by which we are taught that we must so divide our time that we may give due

attention to our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves; that renunciation must precede all spiritual progress; that our lives should be upright, honest, moral; that pride and arrogance should give way to humility and respect; that above all that we should be bound to each other by Brotherly Love, which is the cement of our spiritual building, and without which that building could not endure. Love is the essence of Freemasonry. The Truth which we are always searching may be within our reach if we will only give our hearts to the quest, for, 'The truth of truths is Love.'"

The report of the Deputy Grand Master shows that he has ably assisted the Grand Master during the year, and has proven himself worthy of the honor which was subsequently conferred upon him.

There are fifty-five chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction with one under dispensation.

The total membership is 5,017, being an increase of 468 during the year.

Relief was distributed to Members $1,427.68, to Widows and Orphans $1,027.65, to Transients $1,484.85.

The outstanding dues amount to $13,049.43 or an average of about $235 per Lodge.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate that faithful work is being done by these important officers of the Grand Lodge.

A large list of volumes has been added to the Library during the year. They now have 1,559 books on the shelves of the Library of Grand Lodge.

An invitation was received from the Grand Orient of Italy, for a representative of this Grand Lodge to attend a Masonic Congress to be held at Rome in September next, but the invitation was declined.

An eloquent address was delivered by the Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, Grand Chaplain, on the text, "Solomon built Him an House."

The Historic Address of R.W. Bro. De Wolf Smith on the occasion of the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Introduction of Masonry into the Province, is printed in full in the proceedings and will be of lasting interest to the brethren of British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. F. J. Burd ....Grand Master.
V.W. Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith ....Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA

62nd Annual. San Francisco, Oct. 10, 1911.

M.W. Bro. Dana Reid Weller, Grand Master had the support of nine Past Grand Masters at the Annual Communication held at Golden Gate Hall in the City of San Francisco on the 10th day of October, A.L. 5911.

From the opening of the Grand Master's address we quote as follows:—

"The experience of ages has convinced mankind that it is essential to the successful accomplishment of any important undertaking, frequently to inspect its progress and the designs prepared for its consummation, in order to ascertain if the completed portion of the task approached the ideals of the prospective plans, and to make any changes and alterations, the necessity for which become obvious by a careful examination. Thus the mistakes of the past are corrected and avoided, all useless and superfluous matter eliminated, and the result conforms more closely to the aspirations of the designers.

"So we have congregated today to contemplate the work of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, and to endeavor to discover the errors which have been committed, and to formulate our plans for the improvements in the future. By this means we may transform our failure from a source of humiliation and disgrace into a signal light to guide us past the rocks of ignorance and darkness into the safe harbor of knowledge and light.

"Instead of indulging in vain regrets over the fact that our efforts have not always been crowned with success, we should be inspired by the hope that we and succeeding generations may profit by what we have learned, and that truth, eternal, shall eventually triumph and reign forever over the destiny of man.

"Nor deem the irrevocable past
As wholly wasted, wholly vain,
If rising on its wreck at last
To something nobler we attain.

"The present generation has witnessed the most marvellous advancement in the material knowledge of man that the world has ever known. Science has subjugated and made subservient that potent and unknown force which is the basic principle of so many of the inventions that have excited the wonder and admiration of the observers. And all this has been accomplished in utter ignorance of what it is or why it

exists, only its laws have been discovered and that put to practical use. Masonry possesses a subtle power and influence which it exerts in the same mysterious way over those who study its laws and practice its precepts Its origin and the reason for its existence, while interesting, are less important than its practical application to the lives and characters of its novitiates.

"As the power and efficiency of electricity can be communicated only through certain agencies, so the potency of Masonry can be properly applied to certain characters. Many good men have passed through the ceremony of initiation without benefit to themselves, and many bad men have been made better through its lessons of truth and morality. This fact makes extremely difficult the task of determining the question as to the qualifications which a candidate should possess in order to constitute him good material for membership in the Lodge, and in consequence many mistakes have been made, and will continue. The problem confronts us, then, of eliminating this undesirable element from the organization; and this is the most serious of our difficulties. There is tendency among the officers and members of Lodges to avoid the trouble and scandal of trial and expulsion, and consequently the useless and superfluous material, the non-conductors of Masonry, remain to mar the beauty and retard the progress of our institution. It is a duty which each Lodge owes to the fraternity in general to rid itself of any vicious and immoral element which it has unwittingly admitted, in order that our standard may be maintained and our funds preserved for the relief of the worthy in distress.

"While the mantle of charity may be used to cloak an occasional lapse, a continued and presistent course of misconduct should be discountenanced and severely punished.

"Thus only can be 'preserved unsullied the reputation of the fraternity and remove every aspersion against our venerable institution.'"

The Grand Master makes a wise suggestion with regard to the report of the Committee of Investigation on the petitions of candidates for degrees. He says:—

"In this connection it would seem the better policy to require the committee of investigation to report the facts they discover in regard to a man's qualification, rather than the mere conclusion formed by them. The favorable or unfavorable report gives only the opinion

of one member, and encourages laxity in investigation, while a statement of facts or information obtained shows the care used by the members of the committee making the report, and gives to the Lodge a clearer basis for its action."

Fourteen special communications of the Grand Lodge of California were held during the Masonic year. The majority were for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings.

Twelve Lodges were constituted during the year.

The membership is now nearly 46,000, the growth being about 2,000 a year

Out of the total disbursement of charities amounting to $12,199.87, the sum of $5,520.02 was given to sick and needy brethren from other jurisdictions in the Uuited States and $1,814.25 to those from Foreign jurisdictions.

Such broad generous exercise of this fundamental principle of Freemasory deserves the warm appreciation of the fraternity everywhere.

The following note of warning explains itself:—

"Brethren, throughout the United States, who may read this report: In the name of humainty, don't send your consumptives and otherwise hopeless invalids to the Pacific Coast, unless they have sufficient means to take care of themselves. It is not doing them a kindness, and it is positively unjust to the Craft in the west. It is hard enough for a well man to get a position, but for an invalid it is impossible.

"The large corporations and business houses require their employees to pass a physical examination before accepting them— and rest assured the physicians who make those examinations are honest and give their employers the benefit of the doubt. Forty years of age is also the limit."

During the year ending August 31st, 1911, 58 Masons or members of their families have passed to their final reward and their remains have been given burial with Masonic honors or shipped according to the wishes of the families.

W. Bro. Albert G. Burnett, Grand Orator, delivered one of the most inspiring and eloquent addresses it has ever been our privilege to read. We wish that it were possible to quote the text in full. The following paragraphs are complete in themselves and indicate the excellence which prevailed throughout the address:—

"Do we revere Masonry, pay homage at its shrine, and profess adherence and devotion to its tenets because of its antiquity, because it has come down to us from the dim and mysterious past? This feature, my brethren, cannot be ignored; it is not to be minimized. It appeals strongly to the imagination and awakens the interest of everyone who is not entirely engrossed with self. The fact that this institution has survived, for hundreds of years, the mutations of human affairs, that it has withstood the assaults of a thousand tempests of factional strife, that it has successfully resisted the persistent attacks of perfidious foes within and misguided and fanatical foes without, that the mighty conflicts of men and of nations for self aggrandizement, the wars of conquest and devastation, the revolutions in government and the storm and stress in the social and the political world, which history reveals, have not disturbed the foundations of our 'ancient and honorable institution' is a circumstance of tremendous moment and a persuasive argument in favor of the validity of its claims upon the attention and admiration of mankind."

"Paraphrasing the language of Philips Brooks, may it not be said: 'That we are fed here with counsel when we are in doubt, with inspiration when we sometimes falter, with caution when we would be rash, with calm, clear, trustful cheerfulness through many an hour when our hearts are dark. The hungry souls of men all over the country are fed with sympathy and consolation. There is spread before us an abundant feast of great duty and devotion on which we may all grow strong. We are fed with solemn, solid truths. We learn the sacredness of government and the wickedness of treason. Our souls become glad and vigorous with the love of liberty. We learn to love truth and yet be charitable—to hate wrong and oppression and yet not treasure one personal injury or insult. We acquire a reverent and genuine religion. We are taught the love and fear of God in the shape in which we need them most. We may indeed become worthy of any mission and prepared for any duty that may arise.'

"The one supremely significant and vital principle that lies at the basis of all our activity and development is the value that we place on the individual. Our institution does not regard men so much in the mass, but it exalts the individual man as the most important object of all creation. It is not concerned particularly about his rank or station in society but it recognizes him as fit to associate with kings and to become the heir of all the ages. It looks upon him as the child of God and destined to live forever.

"This is the tenet of our order without which all the others would be as

'sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.' If our brethern generally, would accept this truth without reservation, if the belief in the inestimable value of man and the conviction that he was made in the image of the Creator and shall live through eternity were a living, active, vital, compelling force in the minds of Masons everywhere, what a mighty revolution would soon be affected in human affairs; what tremendous strides would be taken by us towards the realization of the lofty ideals of our Ritual. If the 45,000 Masons in California believed with all the power and fervor of sincere and undistrubed conviction that this earth is not our abiding place, that man is more deathless than the stars, that he is capable of infinite development, that we are distined to be associated through eternity with the spirits of the just made perfect, would not our influence for higher things be multiplied, and through our efforts would not the state soon become a much better place in which we live?

"As Mr. Bancroft has said: 'It is alone by infusing great principles into the common mind that revolutions in human society are brought about. They never have been, they never can be affected by superior individual excellence.' He refers to the age of the Antonines as the age of the greatest glory of the Roman Empire when men, distinguished by every accomplishment of culture and science, for a century in succession held undisputed sway over more than one hundred millions of people, until Marcus Aurelius, the noblest of all the emporers, ascended the throne. He could do nothing. His philosophy, though of the highest type, did not and could not stay the downward tendency of the Roman Empire, nor did it accomplish a single great beneficent reform. It is a solemon truth that Bancroft uttered when he declared that 'Society can be regenerated, the human race advanced, only by moral principles, diffused through the multitude.' And we must do our part, my brethren, to induce the multitude to believe and to accept these principles."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Edward H. Hart, in which Alberta, 1911, is approvingly considered.

M.W. Bro. Alonzo J. Munroe..... ...Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Jno. Whicher... .....Grand Secretary.

CANADA

(IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO)

56th Annual. St. Catharines, July 19, 1911.

Eight corner stones were well and truly laid by M.W. Bro. MacWatt during the past Masonic year.

The 56th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the beautiful city of St. Catharines.

His Worship James M. McBride, Mayor of the City, was introduced by R.W. Bro. Merriman, D.D.G.M., of the Niagara District, and delivered an address of welcome to the Masons of the Province of Ontario.

The Grand Master made a suitable reply.

The total revenue of Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1911, was $42,383.81

The Grants for Benevolence from the ordinary fund were $26,275.00 and from interest on moneys received for the Semi-Centennial Fund $3,920.00.

$90,327.00 is the total sum paid into the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund by the Brethren of Ontario, so that the end is now in sight.

We are pleased to learn that M.W. Bro. Hardings' desire has been realized, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada will have an ample sum to meet the demands made upon them by the poor and needy Brethren and their dependents.

About seven years ago, when D.D.G.M. of Wilson District No. 6, I was requested by Grand Master Benjamin Allen to explain fully the objects of this Fund and use my best endeavors to secure a voluntary contribution of at least $3 per member from the brethren of Wilson District. They responded generously at that time and did credit to the noble cause which claims the attention of all Masons.

Forty-three visits covering a distance of over 13,000 miles were made by Grand Master MacWatt.

He instituted and consecrated two Lodges; attended the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Michigan; officiated at five dedications; installed the officers of three Lodges; attended twelve Lodges of Instruction and visited every district in the jurisdiction except No. 217, during his term of two years. A very creditable record indeed.

The total membership is now 48,500, an increase of 2,500 for the year. There are 413 Lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge.

We read, with patience, the correspondence in full between the Grand Master of Michigan and the Grand Master of Canada, re the invasion of jurisdiction by the W.M. and brethren from Pine Grove Lodge, Michigan, who conducted a funeral ceremony in Sarnia, Ontario, without permission from the Grand Master of that jurisdiction.

We are pleased to note that an amicable settlement was agreed upon and fraternal relations restored between these two Grand Bodies.

The Grand Master commends the good work done by his District Deputies. Twenty-two Lodges of Instruction were held during the year.

The Grand Master warns the brethren against careless advertizing in the newspapers of the work being done in the Lodge room.

In order to have a uniformity of ballot boxes throughout the jurisdiction this Grand Lodge last year ordered the Lodges each to procure two boxes to be made according to a pattern approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes. Regarding its use the Grand Master states:—

> "Our mode of balloting is not yet perfect. My attention was called to the following. In a city Lodge there were 38 members present. When the ballot was taken two black balls were deposited against the candidate, and he was declared rejected. Afterwards the Junior Deacon, when "spreading" the ballot, observed only one white ball in the black box, which could not offset the two white balls in the white box. He reported the circumstances to the W.M., when the following facts were brought to light.
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> "39 ballots were in the white box, of which two were black balls.
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> "38 ballots were in the black box, of which only one was white.
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> "An appeal was made to me, but I answered that the provisions of the Constitution rendered me powerless to act, as the candidate had been declared rejected. As only 38 members were present, someone must have deposited two black balls. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Worshipful Master and his Wardens to count the members in attendance, and, after the ballot, and before the declaration of the result, to count the ballots deposited."

A tablet was unveiled to the memory of the late M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.G.M., who was at the time of his death Grand Secretary.

Bro. Murray was a recognized authority on Masonry and his word was usually final on all matters of discussion.

The following Rulings of Grand Master MacWatt will be of interest to the Craft.

2. The Tyler's OB. is the first requisite at a Board of Trial.

3. I refused to approve a By-law by which, if any officer, except the W.M., was absent for two consecutive meetings, without giving the Master a reasonable excuse, his office was to become ipso facto vacant.

7. I refused to allow the second and third degrees to be conferred on a dying brother at his house. He could not comply with our ceremonies in any way, and for other reasons, which are apparent, I was obliged to refuse the request.

9. The 3 L. Ls. should be placed two on the N. at each corner of the alter, and one at the S. at middle of alter.

13. All movements in a Lodge room should be by the course of the sun.

15. The report of a majority of the members of an Investigating Committee is sufficient."

Sixty-eight Grand Lodge proceedings were reviewed by M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Kindly recognition was given to Alberta, 1910.

M.W. Bro. Aubrey White. . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn . . . . . Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE

106th Annual. Wilmington, Oct. 4th, 1911

Ten Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge by Grand Master, G. Layton Grier. Among the distinguished visitors was Josiah W. Ewan, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, who received a cordial welcome to the sessions of Grand Lodge.

During the year Masonry in this Grand jurisdiction has suffered by the loss of a talented and faithful member of the Craft, the Reverend Lewis H. Jackson, Grand Chaplain.

No special communications were held during the year, as there was no business requiring such a meeting. This is somewhat unique in the history of a Grand Lodge.

A request was made to lay the corner stone of a new church on Sunday, but the Grand Master informed the church officers that Masonic labor could not be performed on that day. The request was not renewed.

Delaware has had her share of difficulty owing to the invasion of her jurisdiction, etc.

Surely, if more care were exercised we would find less of this appearing in so many Grand Masters' reports; but brethren are prone to err.

We are pleased to note the number of visits made by the Grand Master of sister jurisdictions. This will tend to maintain a true fraternal spirit between the several Grand bodies approximate to one another.

He visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction during the year, and found them in excellent financial condition.

An effort is being made to raise funds for the establishment of a Masonic Home, but owing to the indefiniteness of the plan but little progress has been made.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their first annual report. They reviewed the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, Alberta being among the number.

They recommended that the request for fraternal recognition of the York Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Mexico, and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico be laid over for another year for further consideration. This was afterwards agreed upon by Grand Lodge.

The Committees on Grand Lodge Library and on Work, reported that they had no duties to perform during the year.

We naturally wonder why.

Portraits of all the Past Grand Masters were secured by Grand Lodge.

The returns show that there were initiated 176; passed 171; raised 175; reinstated 6; admitted 4; dimitted 22; died 48; suspended 21; expelled 0; rejected 101; present membership 3224; gain 93.

$100.00 was appropriated to the Washington Memorial Fund.

A Past Grand Master Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master by Past Grand Master Robt. K. Stephenson.

M.W. Bro. Enoch Moore ..... Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Virginius V. Harrison ..... Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA

82nd Annual. Jacksonville, Jan. 17th, 1911.

Three special communications were held during the year; two for the purpose of laying the corner stone of public buildings and one for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Hall.

Grand Master Massey states that the year has been one of prosperity in the state. Industries have thrived, crops have yielded good returns and

the population has increased over forty per cent. within the last decade. Two hundred and two Lodges now work under charter, or dispensations, and shelter between nine and ten thousand Masons.

Six Lodges were constituted during the year and eight dispensations were issued to form new Lodges.

The question of the jurisdiction over candidates living near the State line between Alabama and Florida has been amicably settled by concurrent action of these Grand Lodges.

All persons living in either of these States within five miles of the boundary-line may petition and be made Masons in the nearest Lodge measured by straight line to their residence.

Seven dispensations were granted to hold public (?) installations of their officers.

The board of Trustees of their beautiful temple reported that the property had earned over and above all expenses about $5500.00 or 8% upon the actual investment of the property.

The Grand Master recommended the following, which was subsequently adopted by Grand Lodge:—

> "No petition to be made a Mason should be received from one previously rejected in another jurisdiction within five years after such rejection, unless the rejecting Lodge has by unanimous ballot waived its claim of jurisdiction.
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> "As you are aware, many of the Grand Lodges claim perpetual jurisdiction over material rejected by their Lodges, and refuse to recognize as Masons such rejected candidates who have removed to other States and there received the degrees.
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> "The regulations of this Grand Lodge and of some others go to the other extreme and permit the particular Lodge to accept such material after one year's residence within our jurisdiction. The result has been friction, and sometimes angry discussion, between Grand Masters or Committees on Foreign Correspondence. The period of five years seems a reasonable settlement of the dispute. Since my last address, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, heretofore one of the most strenuous and persistent in claiming perpetual jurisdiction, and other Grand Lodges, holding like views, have yielded their claims and have adopted the five-year limit. It would seem that a true fraternal spirit should lead us to do likewise; but whether other Grand Lodges shall adopt this limit or not, I am convinced that our short period of one year is harmful and ought to be extended. When population is flowing into this great State from every part of our common country, it is not clear

why the Grand Lodge of Florida should smooth the path and open a ready door for the rejected petitioners of Lodges in other States; rejected, perhaps, for good cause in communities in which they have resided for many years, and accepted by us on an imperfect knowledge and on a residence of one year only. This condition is not in keeping with the dignity of the Craft in this State. I sincerely trust that the Grand Lodge will recognize the importance of closing our door to rejected petitioners removing to this State until we have had sufficient time to observe carefully their lives and conduct, and to judge either that the original rejections were unmerited or that the petitioners have by a new course of conduct removed the causes which formerly rendered them unacceptable or unfit for membership in a Masonic Lodge."

The oration delivered by Bro. Yerger, D.D., on Self Control is well worthy of being reproduced in full. From it we quote at some length:—

"This subject grows out of the question and the answer which we have all heard many a time, 'What came you here to do?' 'To learn to subdue my passions.' The necessary inference is that in man's nature there are passions to be subdued, to be mastered, if one attain the position he ought to occupy.

"The mainsprings of passion centre around wine, woman and gold. In their original intent all are legitimate, but perverted they degrade.

"Passion means the entire inner nature of man. Passions, as we must understand the term, are not necessarily blatant, conclamant, noisy. There are some quiet, silent, unobtrusive. In the feline tribes the lion roars, the tiger growls, the cougar wails. In the accipitral the eagle screams, the hawk cries; but the filthy, mean, cruel hyena is silent. So of men, the noisy are not always the most passionate, the most to be feared. The inquisitor and his familiars, torturing their victims in the silence and darkness of the dungeon, were far worse than the red man enjoying the agonies of the victim at the stake.

"Again, all passions are not necessarily wrong, we must feel and express indignation against crime and vice, or else be under the sway of a weak, base nature.

"Self mastery, or self control, is our study. Selfishness is the bane of life. To know one's self and to control one's self are the most important lessons to be learned for both usefulness and happiness.

"Harmony is the strength of all institutions. The Spartans,

you remember, required their citizens to eat together at public tables, where sat some fifteen, more or less. Each member of that small company took into his hand a little ball of bread and without a word dropped it into the vessels, called caddos, which the waiters carried on their heads. If they approved of one another there was no change in the form of the ball; if they did not approve, it was pressed flat. One such ball was sufficient to cause rejection as they thought the company should be entirely satisfied with each other.

"Self control is taught in the Lodge room by the absolute power of the Master. The member learns the great lesson of submission and obedience, without question, without protest.

"One of the distinguishing differences between man and the brute is that he is the only animal capable of moral struggle and moral conquest. Every step in the world's progress has been by a new control. Every moment man is king or slave.

"As he surrenders to wrong appetites, or is swayed by wrong passions, or falls a victim to human weakness, he is a slave. As he masters all these he is a king ruling self with wisdom. Great Caesar, consumed by an unholy ambition fell by the assassin's dagger and in falling pulled down his country with him. The Macedonian conquered all the world —saved Alexander and perished a slave to his passions. The Corsican at whose footfall Europe trembled, fretted away his unmastered spirit on St. Helena's lonely isle. Cromwell, the greatest of England's rulers, ruling with an iron hand, yet ruling justly, causing even a vicious Pope to stay his persecuting hand, was great by reason of self-mastery."

M.W. Bro. Albert W. Gilchrist ..... Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Wilber P. Webster. ..... Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA

125th Annual. Macon, Oct. 31st, 1911.

Grand Master George M. Napier in the opening paragraphs of his comprehensive and thoughful address says:—

"Freemasonry in Georgia is today at high tide. The Great Order like an ever-flowing sea, with its tide rising, rising, goes forward in the broad sweep of its swelling prosperity. We need to thank God, the Great Artificer, and to take courage; but, while pressing forward to the yet

greater things which lie before us, we should let our hearts be constrained to humility and take heed that we do not seek to grow too rapidly in numbers.

"The state of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction is worthy of commendation. Our membership is united in purpose, harmonious and prosperous."

Eighteen dispensations were issued to constitute new Lodges, and the corner stones of thirteen public buildings were laid during the Masonic year.

An appropriation of $100 was sent to the George Washington National Association at Alexandria, Va., and a delegate was appointed to attend the next annual meeting.

The Order of the Eastern Star raised $1,046.29 for the Masonic Home during the year ending May 17, 1911.

The Grand Master says:—

"The Eastern Star is growing, and deservedly so. Where its Chapters are organized, interest in Masonry in quickened, and men seem more zealous when they see the interset of their wives, sisters and sweethearts in the work and mysteries of the Eastern Star.

"The noble women who compose the order in Georgia are the flower of our womanhood. They inspire our hearts that we feel, they anoint our eyes that we see, they touch our lips that we speak. They are the fairest among forty thousand and altogether lovely."

The Masonic Home now has thirty-six inmates, twenty-eight children and eight old people. Of the latter there is only one male.

The annual cost per capita to maintain each inmate of the Home is $193.00.

Grand Master Napier urges greater care in finding out the character and record of candidates for Masonry. He recommends each city Lodge to notify all others in that city of the names of the applicants and to have the names of such petitioners posted up in each Lodge so that any unworthiness on the part of the applicant might be discovered and reported.

The Grand Master concludes his address with these words:—

"My brethren, the chief glory of this nation—the brightest gem in the jeweled crown of this republic— is its two millions of Masons, who trusting in God, believing in temperance, devoted to justice, practicing and dispensing charity, leaven the great body politic. Yet our order has raised up no political party, it has stirred up no sedition,

encouraged no mutiny, engaged in no factions. On the contrary, every influence of Freemasonry has been to foster zealous love of country and obedience to law. Without prescribing sect or creed, it has been the very right hand of religion, and it has encouraged education and led in every good work.

"Forty thousand of these Masons are in Georgia. They are a militant moral force. They are the bone and sinew of our land, true patriots—the inspiration, the hope, the mainstay of our country; the most potent influence for good, and the chief asset in the greatness, grandeur and glory of this Empire State!"

The following clause was recommended by the committee on Jurisprudence and afterwards adopted by the Grand Lodge:—

"No Lodge shall initiate, pass or raise any candidate who is engaged in selling, manufacturing or furnishing spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors or holding any other position, either official or clerical, in a firm or corporation engaged in such manufacture or sale, and any person who may now be a Mason, or who may hereafter become a Mason, shall not be authorized or allowed to engage in such business, and if they do engage, they shall be tried, suspended or recommended to the Grand Lodge for expulsion, provided, this shall not apply to licensed druggists selling for medical or scientific purposes only, but shall apply to one employed in a regularly authorized dispensary (a gauger in a government distillery is ineligible to membership.)"

The proceeding of Alberta for 1910 and also for 1911 were reviewed by Bro. A. Q. Moody. He covered the most important items in both proceedings.

M.W. Bro. George M. Napier . . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. W. A. Wolihin . . . . . Grand Secretary.

IDAHO

44th Annual. Boise, Sept. 12th, 1911.

The Grand Jurisdiction is composed of 58 active Lodges, with a membership of over 3400.

Under the heading of Foreign Invasion Grand Master Defenbach states:—

"I have your letter of December 8th, stating a case, which is substantially as follows:

"'A bona fide resident of Idaho, while on a temporary visit to another State, petitions a Lodge and is made a Mason: What is his status?'

"Ans.—He is not a Mason in Idaho, nor can any Lodge in this jurisdiction recognize him as such in any way. He cannot be permitted to visit an Idaho Lodge nor would a dimit from the Eastern Jurisdiction be recognized in this State. He can only be 'healed' by permission of the Idaho Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided and then only with the approval of this Grand Lodge."

The following decision requires explanation. Must the ballot be unanimous in every subordinate Lodge in the State of Idaho?

"Q. A brother applied to this Lodge for affiliation; three ballots were taken, in each of which one black ball appeared; the Master ordered the Wardens to declare the ballot "clear" if only one black ball appeared, and upon their complying, he declared the applicant elected.

"A. The Master erred seriously, and the matter is a subject for Grand Lodge investigation and action. The applicant, however, is duly elected a member of the Lodge, it having been repeatedly held that no matter how irregular the ballot, once the Master declares the applicant elected, he is elected, and entitled to every right and benefit."

The wishes of a member should always be considered, and have priority over those of a visitor. We consequently concur with the Grand Master in his answer to this question:

"Q. Can a member object to the admission of a visitor without giving a reason for it?

"A. A member may object to the admission of a proposed visitor without reason; if he gives a reason the Master may decide as to its validity. If he objects without giving a reason he is within his rights and the visitor cannot enter."

The Grand Master commends the order of the Eastern Star in these words:—

"I desire to recommend to your grateful and courteous recognition the work that is being done by the order known as the Eastern Star. In many communities, this order, composed largely of our wives, daughters, mothers and sisters, has been of inestimable assistance to

our own fraternity. I consider it a matter of congratulation that so many of our good ladies have signified their approval of our great order by allying themselves with this somewhat kindred organization."

He also recommends that the Past Masters be not allowed a vote in Grand Lodge.

We are pleased to note however, that Grand Lodge did not sanction this recommendation.

Every Past Master should continue to take a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge which honored him with the highest office in its power, and also in the annual proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Their wide experience and mature judgment should be of great value to Grand Lodge.

Can this be expected if the privilege of voting is denied them?

We are also of the opinion that Past Masters in good standing from foreign jurisdictions who affiliate with Lodges in another jurisdiction should be granted all the privileges enjoyed by a Past Master who has served as a W.M. in that jurisdiction.

A committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of erecting and maintaining a Masonic Home in Idaho.

Charters were granted to five Lodges working under dispensation

For the last fifteen years it has been the annual custom for the Immediate Past Grand Master to present to his successor in office a signet ring as the symbol of the Grand Master's office and authority.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Knepper and is a very interesting one.

We desire to thank our good brother for the space alloted to Alberta and the many kind things said about the Officers of this youthful Grand Lodge.

W.M. Bro. Frank C. Bowman .....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. T. W. Randall.....Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS

72nd Annual. Chicago, Oct. 10th, 1911.

M.W. Grand Master Ashley in presenting his Annual Report pays loving tribute to the memory of his beloved brother M.W. Bro. John Carson Smith, a Brigadier General who died from wounds received at the battle of

Kennesaw Mountain. He served as Lieut.-Governor of the State of Illinois for four years. The Grand Master declares him to have been "the most extensive traveller and best known Mason in the world."

$6,745.24 was collected from the brethren of Illinois for the purpose of aiding the distressed at Cherry, owing to the mining disaster there. The Committee afterwards found out that the money was not required for that purpose and deposited it where it could be drawn upon at any time for emergency cases by the Charity Committee.

Speaking of Masonry and Religion the Grand Master says:—

"We often hear Masons say, 'Masonry is good enough religion for me,' or 'I want no better church than the Masonic Lodge.'

"Those who are constantly expressing themselves in this way are doing an unconscious injury to Masonry. Such expressions embitter good people who do not understand what Masonry really is. Every person has a right to his own religious convictions and opinions. Each is responsible to the Supreme Power for his soul and to the people for his actions. Each is judged by his own acts and character. 'Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.'

"Masonry interferes with no man's religion or beliefs. He is left entirely free from creeds or sectarian restrictions. He must believe in the existence of God and proclaim his trust in him. Each Mason not only is free in the exercise of his own religious rights and opinions but he is strictly enjoined not to interfere with the religious views of others.

"If a man thinks that Masonry is good enough religion for him and lives a life in harmony with its professions he need not go about proclaiming it. In doing so he gives a bad impression of himself and falsifies the true attitude of Masonry. Some with a good opinion of the Ancient Craft will be unfavorably influenced and decline to knock at our doors for admission. I shall be glad to have brethren admonished not to say or do that which will bring Masonry in conflict with religion and the church."

R.W. Bro. Henry T. Burnap, Senior Grand Warden, represented the Grand Master at the 125th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Representatives of Grand Lodges were also present from Connecticut, District of Columbia, Indiana, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Washington, Michigan and Illinois. The whole event was a red letter day in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Board of Trustees for the Illinois Masonic Home submitted a report of its official transactions and incidents of interest in the administration of the affairs of the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan and the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange, both of which are now operating smoothly and daily dispensing the beneficent charity which becometh all men, and is the noblest attribute of a true and loving heart.

"The Grand Lodge of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois may well feel both pride and pleasure in the highest degree for what has been accomplished in caring for those of their members and their dependants, who through misfortune, adversity, or infirmity of years would otherwise be deprived of the comforts and pleasures of this temporal life, with hopeless and helpless career before them, and a neglected grave as the only goal of their existence. Eighty five of the brethren of Illinois, or their wives or widows, whose active labors in life's arena have ended, and eighty-five of the children of Illinois Master Masons whose activities in solving life's problems are yet before them, are now the recipients of your bountiful generosity; each one a living monument in evidence of your devotion to the tenets of our beloved institution, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, through which the universal brotherhood of man is to be accomplished, united in the hope and purpose to glorify the fatherhood of God."

The Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange was dedicated by the M.W. The Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, June 24th, 1911.

From the Treasurer's report we glean that the disbursements for the Orphans' Home was $73,502.81 and for the Masonic Home at Sullivan $26,-458.88.

Only one case came before the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. The Committee report this as something extraordinary.

Heretofore at all meetings of the Committee they have had from twelve to twenty case sent up on appeal for re-trial.

The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the excellent moral condition of its members.

The consideration of securing a permanent home for the Grand Lodge was deferred until the next session of Grand Lodge.

Charters were granted to twenty-two Lodges which had been working under dispensations.

The following amendment to the By-Laws of Grand Lodge was adopted:—

"Sec. 4. From and after the date of the adoption hereof, any

brother holding a dimit for one year, without applying for membership in some lodge, shall not, thereafter, be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of Masonry; provided that the holder of a dimit may at any time, even after the expiration of such term of one year, petition for affiliation, and if rejected, shall be considered as in good standing in the fraternity for one year from the date of his last rejection, and no longer."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. Owen Scott. The review of Alberta, 1910, covers one and a half pages. A brief review of 1911 is also included.

M.W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah . . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Isaac Cutler . . . . . Grand Secretary.

IRELAND

Dublin, St. John's Day, Dec. 1911.

The Annual Address was delivered by Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B., M.D., Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

After a few introductory remarks he stated that as the interesting events of the year would be found in the annual report of the efficient Grand Secretary, a copy of which had already been supplied to each member, his address would consequently be brief.

Reference was made to the dignity of manner and administrative ability displayed by Bro. Sir James Creed Meredith, who for fourteen years was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Upon his retirement, an Illuminated Address and a Collar of Office was presented to him by the Grand Lodge, and his numerous Masonic friends took advantage of the opportunity to show their appreciation of his services by making him a personal presentation, and for that purpose a fund was started which was contributed to liberally.

While acknowledging his gratification at the compliment, Sir James expressed his unwillingness to accept more than a small presentation of plate, which cost about £40, and the balance of the fund amounting to £329 9s. 6d. was, at his express wish, handed over to the trustees of the Masonic Orphan Schools to found an Exhibition to be known as the Meredith Exhibition.

Speaking of the growth of the order, Deputy Grand Master says:—

"Well, Brethren, it appears to me something remarkable that in the decay during recent years of many institutions in this country that Freemasonry has gone on flourishing to an extent unprecedented, even in the rather rosy period of Masonry in Dublin, the end of the eighteenth century. When I was made a Freemason in 1859 there were 16 Lodges in Dublin. The number today is 48, or exactly three times the number existing in the year 1859. It appears to me, too, that the order has broadened very much with regard to the social conditions of its members. When I was first made a Freemason the great body of Freemasons of that time were professional men, or men who were the heads of large establishments. Now, in recent years a much larger number of members of the order are men who are not the heads of establishments, and are not professional men, but men of moderate incomes, a class who were not numerous in the order in 1859, but now constitute the majority of our members. This is exactly what we should like, we would broaden the foundations of Freemasonry, if possible, by getting into our order all good and true men, worthy men, no matter what their social position may be, except of course, that we do not desire to go down to the lowest ranks of society. At all events, we wish to have all respectable sections of society co-operating in our order, from the peer to the peasant, all united in the strong bonds of Freemasonry. Would that in Ireland at large the number from whom we are recruited were much larger than it is."

The total amount received for charities during the year was £4991.

Their three 'Masonic Jewels' are the Girls' School, the Boys' School and the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund.

They have 100 Masonic pupils in the Girls' School, 101 pupils in the Boys' School, and 66 annuitants on the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund, while about 100 additional girls are receiving aid either to enable them to prepare for suitable situations, or to be maintained and educated at home preparatory to their becoming candidates for admission to the Girls' School.

That the funds of these Schools are well and economically managed may be seen from the fact that the cost of maintaining, clothing, and educating each girl is somewhat less than £30 per annum, while the cost for each boy is about £33 per annum.

Legacies amounting to £1830 were received for Masonic charities during the year.

Eight warrants were issued and one withdrawn during 1911.
There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

His Grace The Duke of Abercorn, K.G.... .....M.W. Grand Master.
Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B..... R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Rt. Hon. Lord Plunket, G.C.M.G.....R.W. Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY

111th Annual. Louisville, Oct. 17th, 1911.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky by Grand Master Robert R. Burnam.

In his address he says:—

" I rejoice to report that the year has been one better than the average in the growth of those essentials which go to strengthen the order—members, finances and harmony.

"The total increase in the subordinate Lodges will be about 1,373, giving us an active membership in the State of over 37,356. What an army, representing as it does the best citizenship of their respective communities! How much should and would be accomplished in all lines by us, if we stand faithful for righteousness and betterment of all.

"The finances of the Grand Lodge are steadily improving. The only obligations we have are in connection with the Temple. All interest has been paid and the debt reduced, leaving $181,000.00 still due the trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, secured by a lien on this building.

"Harmony, the last and greatest source of strength, we have in abundance. I have received few complaints from the Craft the past year, and I rejoice to report that with one exception our relation with all outside Lodges—Grand and Subordinate—are in perfect accord."

Two Masters were suspended from office for being intoxicated during the last session of this Grand Lodge. They were subsequently restored to office by the Grand Master on the assurance of their repentance and promise never to repeat the offence.

The question of "perpetual jurisdiction over a profane" is an open one between the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

A certain candidate in 1910 petitioned for initiation in Louisville Lodge, Kentucky. His petition was regular in every respect, being referred

properly to Committee and going through the usual course. He was elected, initiated, passed, and in the course of time raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

He had formerly petitioned and was rejected by a Lodge in the State of Pennsylvania and so stated in his petition to Louisville Lodge.

The Grand Master of Pennsylvania in his letter to M.W. Bro. Burnam stated that:—

> "In Pennsylvania they have always held that when a single blackball is cast against a candidate, he can not be made a Mason in that or any other Lodge where the fact is known until the disqualification be removed, in the only way they know of, viz: a clear ballot in the Lodge in which the rejection occurred."

He contended that the question was not one of jurisdiction nor a matter of Grand Lodge regulation, but a violation of one of the "ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the fraternity."

Grand Master Burnam quoted the following regulations and claimed that Louisville Lodge acted absolutely upon the written laws of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and that no charges or complaints can be made against this brother or the Lodge which made him a Mason.

> "Regulation 223. Effect of removal from jurisdiction after rejection: A Kentucky Lodge having rejected a petitioner, loses jurdiction after his removal to another State and in his efforts to become a Mason, he must be governed by the laws of the latter jurisdiction."
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> "Regulation 224. Perpetual Jurisdiction: The doctrine of 'perpetual jurisdiction' over a profane is not held in Kentucky."
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> "Regulation 225. Jurisdictional Golden Rule as to other States: Kentucky has always maintained the doctrine of 'territorial jurisdiction,' and accorded to Grand Lodges what it reserves for itself—the right to pass on all candidates who have been bona fide residents of this State for the requisite time."

The question is still unsettled and may remain so, unless this brother attempts to visit a Lodge in Pennsylvania and be refused admission thereto.

> "Sixteen of the inmates of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky were presented to the Grand Lodge by P.G.M. B. G. Witt, and received with the Grand Honors."

Charters were granted to nine Lodges working under dispensation.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

After the installation of Officers, P.G.M. Burnam was presented with a jewel and the M.W. Bro. Jackson, the newly installed Grand Master, with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

William W. Clarke, P.G.M., presented the report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

In his review of Alberta, 1910, he quotes approvingly from the excellent address of Grand Master MacDonald.

M.W. Bro. Dave Jackson.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. H. B. Grant.....Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA

99th Annual. New Orleans, Feb. 6th, 1911.

The M.W. Grand Lodge was opened on the Third or Master's Degree of Masonry in ample form, by M.W. Grand Master John S. Thibaut after prayer by the W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Dr. H. C. Duncan.

There were seven Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana present, and also M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Thronburg, P.G.M. of Arkansas.

The Grand Master's address was an admirable one. From it we glean the following:—

> "Masonry in its essence is the most perfect of human institutions, giving its love, its justice, and its mercy to the universal world. It recognizes the nakedness and weakness of man, the fallibility of his nature and his proneness to err. In commenting upon the condition of the Craft, I am face to face with the realization of the fact and however distasteful may be the duty, I consider it imperative to speak the truth. The burden of my work during the present year has been to bring the brethren to the better realization, to a clearer conception of their obligations, and duties to themselves, to the great fraternity in which they hold membership and to the social body of which every individual Man and Mason is part and parcel.
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> "In several instances the peace and harmony which ought to prevail among men bound by the most sacred tie of fraternal relationship have been interrupted by personal differences existing between the brethren. In one instance an intolerable condition caused by the indiscriminate use of the black ball in cases of advancement nearly endangered the very existence of one Lodge. In a score of cases I have been

compelled to write letters appealing to the higher and nobler sentiments of disagreeing brethren. These differences, I am happy to say have been healed and peace and harmony now reign where discord and contention formerly prevailed. In one single case, conditions forced upon me the resort to the disciplinary measure of arresting a charter.

"The conclusion forces itself upon us that the builders of our Mystic Temple are careless in the choice of their material; many a stone used in the construction of the edifice lacks the characteristics of "good, true and square work." The increased popularity of Masonry, the attractive social features at the culmination of the series of our Masonic degrees lead many a "good fellow" among our acquaintances to seek the "pleasures" of Masonry (?). The laxness of investigating committees performing their duties in a perfunctory manner, as a mere matter of form or compliance with the written law; our own disinclination to exercise in a more scrutinizing way our right to the negative ballot, admit the "good-fellow" who soon shows that he is an unworthy member among us. I do not wish to be classed as a 'praiser of times past,' but I say without fear of contradiction that positive qualities are not so strenuously insisted upon as formerly. Every one must recognize that the man who possesses only negative qualifications is a negligible quantity and can lend neither strength, power, influence nor dignity to our Ancient and Honorable Craft. I appeal to the brotherhood to be more careful. Let us enquire particularly into the character of our applicants. Let the frequenter of the barroom (the good-fellow), the inveterate blasphemer, the libertine, loose in morals and in personal honor remain without our portals. Their association with us can only bring disgrace and dishonor to the Craft. 'Eternal vigilance is the price of safety.'

"As a further measure of protection against the admission of unworthy material, I believe it would inure to the benefit of the fraternity if a longer period of probation—say four months—before advancement to the degree of F.C., and a similar period between the F.C. and M.M. degrees was adopted by this Grand Lodge as a law. I see nothing either in our or in the Ancient Regulations militating against the adoption of the provision as a law.

"In addition, the intellectual qualifications of the applicant should have our serious consideration. The number of our Masons who are unable through the deficiencies of their uncultured minds to apprehend the concealed philosophy of our Ritual is indeed amazing. The bane of American Masonry is the ignorance of the great body of the Craft.

The doctrine of Masonry falls upon sterile ground and bears no fruit when professed to initiates intellectually incompetent. By all means let us have fewer but more intelligent Masons—quality and not quantity. European Masons teach us a valuable lesson in that respect."

We heartily concur with our worthy brother with respect to the guarding our Lodges against unworthy applicants. We might, to some extent at least, follow the example set by Craft Masonry in Switzerland. Their candidates when proposed are put under observation for one or two years and questions are put to them to probe to their innermost souls.

When the observation committees are satisfied they are brought and a series of questions are put to them for the first time, which they have to answer in writing.

If these answers are entirely satisfactory the ballot takes place. The second degree is not taken for another year, and possibly another year intervenes before the third degree is conferred, the candidates being required to show that they have made a genuine advancement in Masonic knowledge before these privileges can be secured.

The remarks of Bro. Thibaut on Foreign Relations show a true Masonic spirit. He says:—

"I fully concur with the committee in so far as certain bodies are concerned, but I must not hesitate to disagree with them in regard especially to the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland. This, the smallest Grand Body in the world, has displayed an activity exceeded or even equalled by no other organization in the direction of bringing about a better understanding among the governing bodies of the world in the glorious hope of Universal Brotherhood. Its labor of love, its untiring influence for peace and good-will among Masons deserve commendation and entitle them to our fraternal consideration and reciprocity. The obvious reason for the non-recognition of this valiant Grand Lodge is the continuance of its relations with the atheistical(?) Grand Orient of France.

"The doctrine that a Grand Body, fraternizing with one standing upon a different principle, must be denied the amenities of fraternal intercourse, is both unmasonic and illogical; unmasonic, since it is the manifestation of an intolerance foreign to the philosophy of Masonry; and illogical as it must exclude the Grand Lodge of England and a number of American Grand Lodges, that have extended recognition to the Grand Lodge Alpina, from our continuance of fraternal courtesies with them. This proposition must be clear to the mind of every Mason

and its fallacy is proven by a reductio ad absurdum if the reasoning is drawn to its logical conclusion. But, whether or not it is recognized by this or that Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge Alpine is regular, legally constituted, lives up to the essential Landmarks, is active in Masonic work, is pursuing a commendable course in conducting a campaign of education and enlightenment— let us tender it the right hand of friendship."

Under the heading of "Rulings and Decisions," he remarks:—

"The correspondence of my office during the year has been enormous. I have written over thirteen hundred letters bearing upon all questions, physical and metaphysical, legal, illegal, and otherwise, questions of ethics and logic, in fact the variety has been so great that I have come to believe that the brethren have an idea that the knowledge of a Grand Master must be encyclopaedic. Not to be outdone by my predecessors and aided by the enquiring inclination of my brethren, I have been able to 'perpetrate' some hundred decisions of which I have recorded fifty-five."

The following will prove of general interest to the Craft:—

No. 6. "In reply to the question whether a candidate who had a leg broken, thereby requiring him to have an extra sole put on one shoe of the thickness of an ordinary sole, was physically qualified for the degree, I ruled, that 'if the defect in the leg is not such as to make it impossible for the candidate to put his naked heel to the ground, and he can comply with every part of our ceremonies, he is physically qualified for membership."

No. 8. "In reply to a communication as to whether the Worshipful Master was right in refusing to confer the degree of E.A. upon a candidate against whom an objection had been made, and second, as to how long a member has a right to object, and third, whether the Lodge can require the objector to come in open Lodge and state his objection, I ruled that 'the Worshipful Master was right in refusing to initiate a candidate against whom objection is made; that no reason for such objection need be given; that the objection has the force and effect of a black ball unless the brother desires to make the objection permanent by making known his reason to the Worshipful Master, and if they are found Masonic and sufficient, the record of a permanent objection to be made to stand until withdrawn.,"

No. 12 "In answer to the question 'Has a Lodge Under Dispensation the right to receive demit for affiliation,' I ruled that 'it had.'

No. 26 "In reply to the question as to whether a F.C. who had been stopped from receiving his M.M. degree on the written protest of a visiting brother, charging him with an offence committed prior to his initiation, should be brought to trial, I ruled that if the offence with which a F.C. was charged was unknown to the committee of investigation at the time they made their report, that it was a matter of self-protection that the same be inquired into in order to prevent the admission of unworthy candidates.

No. 48 "In reply to the question, 'Is it proper for any Master Mason other than a Worshipful Master, Past Master, sitting Senior Warden, or Junior Warden, to confer the degrees of Masonry or any portion of them'? I ruled that the Worshipful Master may permit any brother to confer the degrees in his presence in the Lodge. He may, furthermore, for the better exemplification of the work, in conferring degrees, cause the regular officers to temporarily vacate their stations and fill all the stations from members from the floor of the Lodge, though the latter may never have, by election, occupied any of the stations."

Seven new lodges were instituted during the year. The net gain in membership was seven hundred and twenty-five.

M.W. Bro. John S. Thibaut . . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Richard Lambert . . . . . Grand Secretary.

MAINE

92nd Annual. Portland, May 2nd, 1911.

Owing to the delay occasioned by the great fire at Bangor on the previous Sunday which destroyed the dwelling and Church of M.M. Bro. Smith, Grand Master; Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master in due form.

There were present about two hundred and fifty delegates, representing one hundred and eighty-five of the two hundred and three Chartered Lodges, seven of the thirteen living Past Grand Masters, and forty representatives of other Grand Lodges.

The present membership of the Grand Lodge of Maine is twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred and eighty-one, an increase of four hundred and fifty-three over last year.

Dispensations were granted to forty Lodges to attend divine service on St. John's Sunday and to eight Lodges to attend divine service on other than St. John's Sunday.

One of the most pleasing duties performed by the Grand Master during his tenure of office was the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple of Portland. Every officer of the Grand Lodge was present.

Warren C. Philbrook, Grand Commander of the Knight Templars of Maine delivered the oration.

The Grand Master concluded his address with these words:—

> "Our Fraternity throughout this jurisdiction, and throughout the world, is yearly growing in that beneficent power which it was meant to possess and wield amidst the life of human kind. Ours must still be intelligent consecration, wise diligence and sweet-spirited zeal in doing good to our fellow men and in fulfilling those precepts and principles of our beloved institution, which are the promise and potency of our progression and permanency as one of the agencies and institutions of the ages, to bring light into the world—to affirmatively and nobly answer that ancient criminal cry of Cain, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' and to make real some echo of that divine harmony heard of old by shepherds at night as they kept their flocks beneath star-lit Syrian skies: 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth Peace, Good-Will toward men.'"

The reports of the twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters are very complete, much of the success attending the Grand Jurisdiction being due to those faithful representatives.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund report having $60,203.13 to their credit, which is carefully invested in stock, bonds, etc.

The following are the regulations with respect to this fund:—

ARTICLE I.

"The fund is applicable to the following cases:

"First, to poor and worthy members of Lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own Lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

"Secondly, to poor and worthy Masons resident in this State, not mem-

bers of any subordinate Lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a Masonic duty.

"Thirdly, to poor and worthy Masons being sojourners in this State.

"Fourthly, to other cases of distress.

ARTICLE II.

"The widows and orphans of deceased Masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in the preceding article.

ARTICLE III.

"Applications for relief are to be made to the Recording Grand Secretary in writing, signed by the applicant or some Master Mason in his behalf who is personally cognizant of his circumstances, stating the peculiar circumstances of the case, accompanied with a certificate from the Master of the Lodge to which the applicant belongs, or the nearest Lodge, vouching for his Masonic standing and his need of the relief prayed for."

Alberta, 1910, receives kindly recognition at the hands of M.W. Bro. Chase.

M.W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith ... .Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Stephen Berry . .. . ..Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND

125th Annual. Baltimore, Nov. 21st, 1911.

Two sad losses befel the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maryland during 1911. A Special Communication was held on Wednesday, January 4th, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the late R.W. Bro. William M. Issac, Grand Secretary. Owing to the illness of M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master, his station was ably filled by Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jas. R. Brewer. His address on that occasion was a most fitting one, and testified to the many admirable and loving qualities of character of the late brother. On Monday, November 6th, Bro. James Rawlings Brewer departed this life after a long and painful illness and was laid to rest by the brethren of Grand Lodge.

On June 6th, 1911, Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple on the site of the old Fort Cumberland.

About 750 Master Masons formed in procession and proceeded to the site. R.W. Bro. Brewer performed the ceremony, after which Grand Lodge assembled in the Parish House of Emmanuel P.E. Church, where an oration was delivered by Hon. Geo. W. Atkinson.

The address is one of the best it has ever been my privilege to read. Would that space would permit of my repeating it in full.

This paragraph will indicate its merit:—

> "My friends and brethren, there is nothing enduring in this world but God and His laws. The flowers fade, the grass withers, the leaves fall. Men come and go and pass out of sight forever; but the Supreme Artificer of the Universe is more enduring than the stars. The sun that shone upon our cradles will shine upon our graves. Darkness is closing over the land of Solon and Lycurgus. The hills that echoed the eloquence of Pericles are now unknown to men. The groves in which Plato and Socrates prepared their philosophies have all been razed to the earth. The grand cities, temples and obelisks that were intended to immortalize their builders have nearly all been gnawed asunder by the tooth of time; but Truth, which is one of God's attributes, and upon which Freemasonry was founded, is living yet, and will live on and on forever."

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Thos. J. Shryock stated that the Fraternity throughout the State is in a very prosperous condition in every respect. This is evidenced by the fact that every Lodge holdings its charter from this Grand Lodge has made its returns to the Grand Secretary, paid its dues and is represented at this meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Grievances report that no appeals or cases of grievances have been referred to it during the year.

It was agreed by Grand Lodge to hold the next Semi-Annual Communication at the City of Euston, where the Grand Lodge was organized in April, 1787, and that the occasion be made a celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the formation of this Grand Lodge.

The address of M.W. Bro. Jno. M. Carter entitled "Maryland Masons in the Revolution" is of interest to all Masons but especially to the brethren of Maryland.

M.W. Bro. Thos. J. Shryock was re-elected Grand Master for the 27th time by acclamation.

There are 114 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction having a membership of 14,599.

R.W. Bro. Edward T. Schultz, P.S.G.W., presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. His report is an exceedingly interesting one.

He takes frequent opportunity to condemn the use of "Cipher Rituals."

M.W. Bro. Thos. J. Shryock.... ....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Geo. Cook. .. ..Grand Secretary.

MEXICO

51st Annual. Mexico, April 13th, 1911.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico, legitimate successor of Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, held its Annual Communication in the city of Mexico on April 13th, 1911.

The Grand Master, Jose J. Reynoso, in his annual address gives an an account of the secession of the Scottish Ritual Lodges from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico in these words:—

> "At the last Annual Session of this Grand Body, we had 32 Lodges, of which five were under dispensation, with a total membership of 1,426. At that Session we regret to say that some of the representatives of 7 Lodges expressed themselves as dissatified with the election as decided by a large majority vote and left the Grand Lodge room. These Lodges were Benito Juarez No. 3, Union No. 6, Felix Diaz No. 7, Lealtad No. 15, Ignacio Ramirez No. 20, all chartered, of the Federal District; these Lodges, together with Benito Juarez No. 24 of Guadalajara, commenced agitating for a separation of the Lodges working under the Scottish Ritual from those working under the York Ritual.
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> "It was believed that such a separation could be amicably arranged and the discussion of such an arrangement between the interested parties had even reached the point of the drawing up of a basis of separation which was signed by the committees of the Scottish Ritual Lodges of the Federal District and of the York Ritual Lodges of the Federal District, to be submitted to all the Lodges of the jurisdiction, when on June 23rd, 1910, we were astounded to learn that the 7 Scottish Ritual Lodges above mentioned had held a secret meeting, without advice to the other Lodges of the jurisdiction, and then and there declared the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge irregular and the elections illegal, and proceeded to elect themselves as officers of the Grand Lodge 'Valle de Mexico'. Among these representatives was

our Grand Secretary, who turned over to the seceders the offices and records of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. They then demanded of the other Lodges of the jurisdiction by telegraph that such Lodges join them within three days or be declared irregular."

The Grand Master caused letters to be sent to all the Grand Lodges in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Mexico, notifying them that these Lodges had become irregular and that their charters had been cancelled, and also warned them against granting fraternal recognition.

The Grand Lodge of France having entered into fraternal correspondence with the Lodges which rebelled against this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master ordered a withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Lodge of France.

Toltec Lodge No. 214, A.F. & A.M., asked the following question:—

"Should we admit as visitors any brethren who may have, at any time since the separation of the Scottish Rite Lodges from us, visited any of those Lodges, such brethren holding membership in a Lodge which we recognize as regular?"

To this the Grand Master replied as follows:

"The visit of a brother belonging to a Lodge working under any regular jurisdiction recognized by us who visits one of the Lodges which seceded from this Grand Lodge, if such visit took place before he had authentic knowledge of such Lodge being irregular, would not be sufficient cause for forbidding him entrance as a visitor into our Lodges, provided he express his regret for having visited the irregular Lodge and gives assurance that he would not repeat such a visit."

This Grand Lodge has now 18 Lodges with a total membership of 1150.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $1,011.44.

R.W. Bro. C. B. Waite, just five days before the meeting of Grand Lodge, was asked by the Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee to present the Correspondence Report.

Needless to say it would be impossible in that limited time to complete the work.

Six proceedings were ably reviewed. Alberta was not among the number.

He explains the Masonic Constitution of Mexico in these words:—

"In the whole republic of Mexico, consisting of 31 States and territories, there are Masonic Lodges, of any kind or description, good

bad and indifferent, in only 16. There are Grand Lodges in the States of Veracruz, Coahuila, Chihuahua, Oaxaca, Nuevo Leon and the Federal District, whose ritualistic work is all adopted from French work, printed in Spanish, and can be purchased at 25 cents a copy, not cipher but verbatim, words, signs and all, but as this is not any more our kind of Masonry than is the work of the Odd Fellows, such Masons could not pass our examination.

"The York Grand Lodge of Mexico, working the kind of Masonry which is known in the United States and England, has now 18 Lodges in 12 States of the Republic, only three States having more than one Lodge in them. These are now working together harmoniously under the same kind of laws as prevail in the United States Jurisdictions and following the same ancient Landmarks as have governed the Craft from time immemorial."

M.W. Bro. W. H. Seamon . . . . . .Grand Master
R.W. Bro. F. E. Young . . . . . .Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN

67th Annual. Port Huron, May 23rd, 1911.

Immediately after the opening of Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. G. Roscoe Swift, Grand Master, the Grand Secretary read the Roll of Honor, a list of the deceased Past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

This thoughtful, loving tribute to departed merit might well be adopted by other Grand Lodges.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present at the opening ceremonies. Only four of those living were absent.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Past Grand Master John J. Bell, Mayor of Port Huron, and by Past Grand Master William T. Mitchell, the oldest living Past Grand Master in the State of Michigan. The Grand Master responded on behalf of Grand Lodge.

The address of the Grand Master is a detailed account of his Masonic work during the year.

Brevity cannot be claimed as one of its merits.

The full correspondence between the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Master of the State of Michigan was presented to Grand Lodge. It appears that several Michigan brethren had crossed over to Canada and buried one of their number with Masonic rites

without the permission of the Grand Master of Canada. After considerable correspondence Grand Master MacWatt, ordered that fraternal relations between these Grand Lodges should cease. Happily this state of affairs did not last long and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada was a welcome visitor at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

A gift of the Alma Springs Sanitorium by Ammi W. Wright and Wife was accepted by the Grand Master and his action subsequently ratified by Grand Lodge.

This property is to be permanently occupied and maintained as a Masonic Home.

A unique event is recorded in connection with the Masonic history of a Past Grand Officer.

> "His is the first record in the United States where a son dubbed his father a Knight Templar."

The Grand Lodge of Michigan by resolution decided to become a member of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada and to pay to the funds of this association a sum equal to one-half cent per capita upon the present membership of the Lodges in Michigan.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico F. & A.M. was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Michigan as the legitimate successor to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Orient of Belgium in submitting his report on the condition of Masonry says:—

> "An Anti-Masonic League has been formed in Brussels, the members of which—creatures of the Jesuits—have to run about the country and lecture, etc., about the doctrines and against all forms and conditions of Masonry. Said creatures invent most extraordinary stories respecting Freemasonry—they assert, among others, that Masons are in league with the "Prince of Darkness." Said Anti-Masonic League has been formed at the instigation of the Roman Catholic Priesthood with a view to undermine our noble institution.
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> "Freemasonry in Belguim is constantly exposed to the most unjust persecutions caused—as is the case in all Catholic countries—by the Roman Catholic Priesthood and their subordinates. But your Belgian brethren do not despair. They are convinced that Masonry stands for all that helps truth to victory and they feel sure that the glorious, yet mysterious, light of Freemasonry must shine, will shine in

the end. They fully understand that Freemasonry should be the torch-light of civilization and that its role should be to enlighten humanity. They are also aware that Masonry has a special mission to perform in all Catholic countries, that is to free the enslaved minds from the shackles of tyranny. It is in this sense that your Belgian brethren have a great and noble mission to perform and their task is not an easy one—they deserve every sympathy."

M.W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor submits the report on Foreign Correspondence and he is a most able and interesting writer.

We appreciate the generous space allotted the review of Alberta, 1910.

M.W. Bro. James E. Dillon..... .....Grand Master.
M.W. Bro Lou B. Winsor .. ..Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA

58th Annual. St. Paul, Jan. 18th, 1911.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota met for the first time in their excellently appointed Temple which was wholly built and furnished by the Masons of that State.

All the Grand Officers were present.

During the session two hundred and twenty-two Lodges were represented out of two hundred and fifty-three on the roll.

Grand Master Patton constituted two Lodges and laid the corner stones of three buildings.

He granted dispensations to seven Lodges to confer the degrees on more than five candidates at one time.

Concerning the use of robes, scenery and other accessories in conferring the M.M. degree we agree with him when he says:—

"On this subject permit me to say that, in my opinion, the desire to improve upon the rendition of the work is founded on a wrong hypothesis. It seems to be the feeling that the impressiveness and beauty of the degree is increased in proportion to the adornments added thereto. Such however is not the case, but, on the contrary, in the very simplicity of the work, as commonly rendered in our lodges, in the past and in the present, lies its eternal vigor and continuing power. When once we cease to depend on the unadorned work, and turn to

side issues to awaken interest, we step from a rock to a quicksand footing. The new features soon pall upon the taste; and so others must be added, to maintain the attractiveness; and this must continue ad infinitum, until the original purpose and intent of the degree is buried under the accumulated rubbish. Again, too often the work is looked upon as a spectacle to entertain the brethren, rather than, as it is truly intended to be, a sermon to edify the candidate."

Under the heading of instruction he says:—

"That the brethren may be intelligent and efficient Masons requires that they shall be informed, not only in the ritual, but in the history, symbolism, principles, laws and customs of the Fraternity; and the duty of the Lodge is not done when the charge of the third degree is read and the newly made brother has signed the by-laws. Many of our Lodges seem, however, to act on this assumption, for they provide no means, and offer no inducements for the brethren to advance in knowledge. It is certainly very discouraging to study the reports submitted by the Lodges. 194 Lodges out of 225 make absolutely no attempt to inform their members; and that of the 58 reporting some work on this line, but eight make any systematic and regular efforts.

"I hope that I will not be understood as depreciating the importance of the ritual, or its perfect exemplification, for I desire to emphasize its full value; but alongside of it, and equally important, is the general knowledge of things Masonic, that is essential for the true Mason's equipment. Lodges should find opportunity for imparting this knowledge, as well as the other. It is often urged, in excuse that there is no time and that none of the brethren are competent to give instruction. As to the first reason, it is answered by the fact that some Lodges have made time by doing all degree work at special communications, reserving the stated meetings for general business, and for talks and lectures on Masonic subjects. As to the second, each Lodge should have at least the beginnings of a Masonic Library; it need be of but a few well selected books, if finances will not permit more, and can be increased from time to time. Brethren will soon be found who will read and digest these books, and, with the help of current Masonic publications, will in a short time be able to instruct and assist their brethren, and inspire in them a desire to drink from the inexhaustable fountain of Masonic lore."

An address delivered to the Masons of South Carolina by Past Grand

Master Ramsay in 1862 was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Minesota by M.W. Bro. Durant, Past Grand Master of this Grand body the request that it be read and incorporated in the proceedings.

Every sentence has a true Masonic ring about it and we regret that lack of space forbids our quoting from it at some length.

Masonry will continue to flourish in its truest sense so long as such noble, heroic men as brother Ramsay lead the way and set the pace.

The net gain for the year was 838 and the present membership 25,800.

Thirteen Lodges each raised over twenty candidates during the year.

No appropriation was made to assist in a Memorial to Washington the Mason.

About $18,000 or one-fifth of the amount required for the location and construction of a Masonic Home has been contributed.

Life membership is granted to those who pay $25.00 to this fund, and special membership certificates which carry with them the right to place one person in the Home during life, to those who pay $500 to the fund.

Bro. Irving Todd for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presents the report dealing in a concise manner with the proceedings of the Grand Lodges which were reviewed by him .

Alberta, 1910, receives fraternal recognition.

M.W. Bro. Elmer A. Kling . . . .Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Jno. Fishel. . . . .Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI

93rd Annual. Gulfport, Feb. 21st, 1911.

A public reception was tendered the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in the City Hall of Gulfport, at which addresses of welcome were given by Hon. B. P. Harrison, representing the Mayor, and George P. Hewes, representing the W.M. of Gulfport Lodge, No. 422, and responses given by Judge Roane and Grand Master Conner.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present at the opening session of Grand Lodge.

There seems to be some difference of opinion amongst Grand Masters as to the exact time, during the process of construction, when the corner stone should be laid. There should be only one opinion about this, however.

M.W. Bro. Conner states:—

"On May the 18th I laid the corner stone of the school building at Union, Miss., by request of the City Officials through Henry Clay Lodge No. 485. This structure had been erected the year previous and while I had precedent for my actions in shoving the stone into a hole in the wall, when I saw the awkwardness of the proceedings I then and there made up my mind never to do so again."

On two subsequent occasions he refused to lay the corner stone of a building because the walls were completed.

Eight schools of instruction were held throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, with an average attendance of thirty-one Lodges at each meeting.

The Grand Master was represented in each of the thirty districts by a District Deputy Grand Master, who reported to him on the condition of the Lodges in his district. Some of these reports were too brief to be of much value. A short reference to each Lodge visited is very desirable, as the officers will then take a greater interest in their work if they know that any negligence on their part will appear in the report to the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Home is reported as doing a noble work for needy children:—

Sixty-nine children were admitted during the year. The total amount expended in maintaining the Home was $6,831.58.

Average cost to maintain Home per month	$569.20
Average cost per capita per month	10.55

This Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having to its credit, assets amounting to $167,424.42.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence had a number of questions submitted to them for their decisions. Among them was the following:—

Ques. "A member in good standing is convicted of a charge and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Can the committee on complaints and offences take any action in the matter until he is released, so that he may put up the proper defence?

Ans. "We are not to prejudge our brethren, nor to abandon them in the hour of their distress, but to stand by them until proven unworthy of Masonic association. We have nothing to do with the action of the civil authorities, except to see that our brethren are given a fair and impartial trial, and have an opportunity to make such a defence as their case admits of. When they have been convicted, we resort to our own tribunal and regardless of what has occurred elsewhere,

ascertain by our own methods, whether they have forfeited their claims upon us, and we do this, too, when they have been acquitted, because it is not every man who is tried in the courts and escapes from the clutches of the law, who is worthy of Masonic association. When we can calmly and dispassionately investigate the merits or demerits of a brother's conduct we proceed to deal with his acts, deciding with impartiality, justness and firmness, as our obligations require, but until we can do this, every Masonic instinct forbids us from adding to the terrors of his unfortunate situation by compelling him to undergo the ordeal of a trial which may deprive him of the help, aid and assistance which distressed Masons are entitled to claim at our hands. And hence it is, that none under arrest by the civil authorities can be tried until the court of last resort is entirely through with their cases, and if they cannot be tried, it follows that they cannot be suspended, for it would be a monstrous thing to do to suspend a brother without a hearing."

The Grand Master was authorized by Grand Lodge to appoint a competent brother to deliver a Masonic oration at its next communication.

There are three hundred and fifty-two subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, with a total membership of eighteen thousand, one hundred and forty-seven.

M.W. Bro. Jno. S. Brooks . Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Fred Speed . . . . . Grand Secretary.

MONTANA

47th Annual. Missoula, Sept. 21st, 1911.

Ten special Communications of the Grand Lodge of Montana were held during the Masonic year; seven for the purpose of constituting subordinate Lodges; two for the purpose of paying the last sad offices of respect to Past Grand Masters Knowles and Knight, and one to dedicate a Masonic Temple in the town of Chinook.

The brethren of Montana have had a very harmonious and prosperous year.

Grand Master J. W. Speer in his introductory remarks says:—

"It is a pleasure and a satisfaction to announce that peace and prosperity have held almost undisputed sway during the past year; so

much so that there is no work laid out for the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, a situation almost unprecedented in the history of this Grand Lodge. Our country is prosperous, and the people of our State should be thankful for the many blessings meted out to us during the year. The Masonic condition of our Grand Jurisdiction is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Three hundred and fifty-two members have been added to our chartered Lodges and we now have a membership of six-thousand, two hundred and ninty-nine, exclusive of the Lodges U.D.; and during the year we have issued dispensations for the formation of six new Lodges, all of which (save one) have grown to a marked extent, which should be most gratifying to us all."

There are seventy chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The total disbursements for the year were $5,280.00.

Past Grand Master Hon. Jno. L. Carroll was presented with a ring of pure gold having the emblems of Masonry surmounted with a laurel wreath and studded with a diamond sun.

We note that the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens rendered valuable assistance to M.W. Bro. Speer during his tenure of office. There are many reasons why these junior Grand Officers should assist in the work and gain the necessary experience to fit them afterwards for the arduous and responsible duties of Grand Master. Too often in the smaller Grand Lodges the work of supervision and inspection is left entirely to the Grand Master.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, The Three Globes, Hamburg, Eclectic Union, Royal York, National Grand Lodge of Germany and the Grand Lodge of Saxony.

Grand Lodge adopted a uniform receipt for dues, to be used as a travelling card; the receipt to bear the seal and endorsement of the Grand Lodge, attested by its Secretary.

An appropriation of $300.00 was made to cover the travelling expenses of the Grand Master during the coming year.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee was prepared by M.W. Bro. H. S. Hepner.

Alberta, 1910, receives kindly and fraternal recognition.

M.W. Bro. Wm. M. Montgomery . . .Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Jr. . Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA

54th Annual. Omaha, June 6th, 1911.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska met in annual communication in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, and was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. Harry A. Cheney, Grand Master. There were representatives from two hundred and twenty-nine of its two hundred and fifty chartered Lodges in attendance.

Grand Master Cheney introduces his address with this appropriate admonition:—

> "As we meet again in this fifty-fourth annual communication, to review the labors of the past year, and to lay out further designs on our Masonic trestle board for the future, may we ever keep in mind in whom we as Masons put our trust, in an all wise Father from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and in abiding faith in his wisdom to guide us safely along the narrow path that bringeth us to the knowledge of that truth which maketh us Freemasons in the spirit as well as the letter. And while we take a retrospective view of what has been done in the past year, may each one ask of himself whether he has faithfully and zealously preserved the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied as should be his constant care, whether as a Mason he has done what he came here to do; whether he has exemplified in his daily walk and conversation the golden tenets of 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,' whether he has demonstrated at home and abroad the cardinal virtues of 'Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice,' whether he has sincerely discharged the three great duties which as Masons we are all so forcibly admonished to do. If the secret monitor within quietly acquiesces and responds, all is well, 'Well done good and faithful servant,' then we may proceed safely along the same line of action with the moral courage of 'The Lion of the Tribe of Judah,' and the Masonic fortitude of a just and upright man, with unswerving fidelity to those altruistic and eternal principles which are the great postulates of Ancient Freemasonry, viz: 'The Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the soul,' doing our work through evil report or through good report, through honor or dishonor, giving no offense in anything, without personal ambition to gratify, or self interest to serve, ever trying to live up to the standard of the golden rule, and with the single eye that looks only to the honor and glory of God, and the elevation of man."

Can a Grand Master suspend a sentence passed by a subordinate Lodge? This is what Grand Master Cheney says:—

> "A brother of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was convicted on six counts out of ten and expelled by said Lodge. On October 5th, 1910, I refused to suspend sentence pending appeal, on application by attorney of appellant. I could find no law or precedent for the Grand Master suspending a sentence passed by a subordinate Lodge. I can not see that this power is delegated to him under our law. Brother Mackey says: 'By usages of the order the sentence of the Lodge will stand until the Grand Lodge has given its decision.'"

The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada is commended to the members of the Grand Lodge as being the best means of keeping the subordinate Lodges informed of travelling frauds and imposters.

We heartily agree with G.M. Cheney when he declares that it is improper to permit the use of a wicket in the door of the Lodge room for the purpose of announcing brethren seeking admission, instead of doing so in the usual way.

The Committee on Returns reports twenty-six Lodges delinquent in sending in their returns to Grand Lodge.

We sympathize with the Grand Secretary in this regard, and would recommend subordinate Lodges whenever possible to elect a Past Master as Secretary of the Lodge. This position is second only to that of the W.M. of the Lodge and should be changed as seldom as possible.

We read with profit and pleasure the admirable address of Grand Orator Elmer W. Brown and regret that lack of space forbids quoting at greater length.

He says:—

> "The spirit of Masonry rocked the cradle of liberty at the time of the American Revolution, and it always has been one of the most potent influences toward the freedom of speech and independence of thought and action, not only in our country but throughout the civilized nations."

And again:—

> "While Masonry has its symbols and has a certain formality, it is the broad charitable spirit of Masonry that has yielded the greatest influence upon its members. Masonry has never attempted as a

body to have an influence beyond the Lodge room. It has nevef pharisaically extolled its virtues before the world. No man outsidr of Masonry can know anything relative to the symbols and forme alities of the Fraternity, but he may read something of the spirit o- Masonry as exemplified by the lives of its votaries who are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry.

"The freedom for independent thought and the freedom of the mind so firmly imbedded in the true spirit of Masonry must necessarily have wielded throughout the past a great influence upon the individual members of the Fraternity, and its individual members must have had an enormous influence upon humanity. Such being the case, it seems to me we are irresistibly led to the conclusion that Masonry has had an enormous influence in the evolution that has taken place in the religious and political world, and in the great revolution and advancement that is taking place in the industrial and material enterprises.

"Thus Masonry occupies a very important place in the advancement of the world. Its membership is chosen from the very flower of mankind. Therefore, its opportunity for wielding a most potent influence for the uplift, betterment, and happiness of the people is great, and it is most important as to how well this duty and responsibility is performed. This is not a duty to in any way undertake to influence men or governments for or against any particular measure or policy. Whenever any organization tries to influence religious, political, or industrial affairs in any specific way for or against some certain policy, then its influence cannot be as great as when its attempts are simply to teach its members to regulate their lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason, and to wisely judge and prudentially determine on all the things relative to the present as well as the future happiness of mankind.

"As Masons it is our duty to see that the present Masonic principles in their true and broadest spirit are passed on to posterity untarnished and unsullied, and shining forth with a greater brightness and lustre than ever before."

M.W. Bro. Charles J. Phelps writes the report on Foreign Correspondence covering ninety-two pages and reviewed the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges.

Alberta, 1910, receives favorable notice.

M.W. Bro. Henry Gibbons ..... Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Francis E. White ..... Grand Secretary.

NEVADA

47th Annual. Reno, June 13th, 1911.

M.W. Bro. Doughty in his annual address to Grand Lodge, reports with respect to the condition of Masonry in Nevada that:—

> "The year has been one of prosperity to the Craft, no dissensions having arisen and harmony reigns supreme. Our increase in membership notes a steady progress, and it adds to its glory that the increase is quite as noteworthy for the quality of material as for its quantity. The future of Masonry demands that it should be so, and no greater pleasure falls to a Grand Master's lot, than to record a growth marked by quality and an ever increasing care in the selection of candidates by the Lodges."

All honor to the worthy and devoted Masons of Nevada, who travelled fifty miles to attend the regular meetings of the Craft. Masonry must continue to flourish where there is such true and self-sacrificing devotion to the institution.

In order to save space in the proceedings, the Grand Master placed his decisions in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence and did not include them in his Annual Address.

Correct returns were received by the Grand Secretary from all the Lodges and the annual dues were all paid before the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge. Congratulations.

To someone is due the credit for this excellent showing.

The Grand Lodge of Nevada is to be congratulated that no calls have been made on the Charity Fund during the past year.

A resolution was adopted recommending subordinate Lodges to enact in their by-laws a provision exempting members who had reached the age of sixty-five years from the further payment of dues.

This resolution should commend itself to subordinate Lodges everywhere. The veterans who have labored in the quarries so long should be made to feel that nothing can debar them from being welcome members of a Masonic Lodge as long as life lasts.

By far the most interesting part of the proceedings was the report of the Committee on Correspondence by Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, which covered one hundred and seventy-nine pages.

Alberta, 1910, receives kindly and fraternal notice.

M.W. Bro. Herman Davis..... .....Grand Master.
V.W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth..... ....Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA

124th Annual. Raleigh, June 10th, 1911.

Grand Master Hackett in the opening words of his address says:—

"In the beginning let our hearts be filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Master for the many blessings which have been bestowed upon us, and those of us who at times have suffered sadness or bereavement, who have found the way rough and rugged, dark and dreary, who have felt hopeless and despairing, or in any way have been beneath the chastening rod, let us not be unmindful that 'twas Infinite Love which wielded it, Infinite Pity which looked upon it, Infinite Wisdom which directed it, and Infinite Power which can cause it to work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

"Let us pray that He will so direct our actions and deliberations that all things we do during this communication may meet with His commendation, may bring our hearts in closer touch with each other and with our absent brethren, and may redound to the glory of Masonry and the benefit of humanity."

The following were some of the decisions given by M.W. Bro. Hackett:—

"No. 2. The Grand Master has no power to grant permission to a Lodge to elect a brother as Master until he has served a term as Warden.

"No. 4. A Lodge cannot reconsider the vote by which a petition for degrees or membership was rejected.

"No. 6. A brother cannot vote by proxy in a subordinate Lodge.

"No. 7. A demit cannot be granted to an entered apprentice.

"No. 8. A Lodge cannot grant a demit to an officer thereof, nor can it accept his resignation withour permission from the Grand Master.

"No. 13. Dual membership is not recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction, nor can a member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction be an honorary member of one in this.

"No. 14. One Mason cannot hold two offices in a Lodge.

"No. 18. Two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge may be held on the same day at different places; provided it is possible for the Grand Master, or his representative, and the Grand Tyler with regalia and jewels to reach both."

He concludes his address with these beautiful words:—

"Would'st thou be happy? There are tides
Of happiness the fool derides.
They flow not in the bowers of ease,
Where pomp and mirth conspire to please;
Where luxury its revels keeps;
Where sloth on downy couches sleeps;
Where pampered wealth in gorgeous halls
Spreads out its nightly festivals;
'Tis not in these we find the streams
Of happiness;—nor in the dreams
Of mad ambition; nor the field
Of strife, where feebleness must yield,
And power treads down the right and true,
And tears and blood profusely flow.

"No! seek not happiness in those:
Gentle and pure and full its flow.
'Tis found not in the stagnant pool
Where floats or sinks, the selfish fool;
Nor in the wild turmoil of pride:
Nor yet in passion's turbid tide.
Gentle and pure and full, it flows
Perennial, in the heart that glows
With warm beneficence and love
To man on earth and God above.

"Wouldst thou be happy? Live to bless;
Mark the wan children of distress;
Into the wounded heart pour balm;
The troubled spirit seek to calm;
Tell the dark soul of joys to come;
Then shalt thou find thy heart a home;
A home for those whom God loves best,
And lo, thy name shall lead the rest."

Nine new Lodges were established under dispensation during the year.

In the year 1895 the receipts from all sources of the Grand Lodge were $4,779.50. The total receipts this year were $17,711.93, an increase of nearly 400% during that period.

In 1895 the number of Masons in good standing were 9842. The membership this year is 20,846, an increase of over 100%.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum, which has been in existence for thirty-eight years, is doing a noble work in the cause of humanity. The officials are to be congratulated upon the health and mortuary record of the institution. Their physician reports:—

> "During the last three years there has not been a death at the institution. This is equivalent to an aggregate of about a thousand children for one year without a death.
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> "This record would be remarkable under any conditions, but when it is considered that the institution is composed of a personnel coming from every walk and condition of life, that practically every child has one parent dead, and many, both parents dead, that among them is found inherited disease and inherited conditions favorable to the development of disease, it becomes much more so. The record is without precedent, so far as I am informed, in this or any other institution."

From the list of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina from 1787 to 1911, we glean the fact that in the great majority of cases they held office for two consecutive years. This practice is highly commendable. The experience gained during the first year must be of inestimable value in the conduct of the affairs of Grand Lodge during the second year. This should outweigh any argument in favor of distributing honors annually.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Bro. Jno. A. Collins. Sixty-four proceedings were reviewed, the work covering one hundred and sixty-two pages. Bro. Collins gave the proceedings of Alberta for 1910 kindly consideration and generous space for which we desire to express our appreciation.

M.W. Bro. Richard N. Hackett..... ..... Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. John C. Drewry..... ..... Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA

22nd Annual. Grand Forks, June 27th, 1911.

Grand Master John J. Hull in reviewing the work of the past year savs:—

> "The year has been a busy one. The growth of the Order has

been beyond my faintest expectations when considering the depression of last year caused by the shortage of crop all over our entire State. We now number 101 Lodges with a total membership of over eight thousand and an average membership of seventy-nine. But why should not Masonry keep pace with other institutions of the world? No institution was ever founded upon better principles or surer foundation; with our trust being in God, the Great Physician, who can heal all our wounds, bind up our broken hearts, and soothe us in time of sorrow; with Faith, Hope and Charity as our watch-word and Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth as the tenets of our order, who can wonder at the growth we have accomplished? And who can conceive of anything more beautiful?"

On July 12th he issued a dispensation to Tuscan Lodge No. 44 of Bottineau, N.D., to hold an open air Lodge on Park Island, in Lake Metigoshe, and to confer the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degrees.

With reference to the question of reciprocal relations with other jurisdictions he states:—

"During the year I have had quite extended correspondence with the Grand Master of Montana, requesting that I issue a dispensation allowing men living in this State near the border of Montana to join in their jurisdiction when there were Lodges much nearer these people in their jurisdiction than in our own. I submitted these matters to Lodges in whose jurisdiction these people in question resided, and invariably the Lodges refused to waive jurisdiction.

"Oftentimes a Lodge exists only a very few miles across the line of some other State when the distance to the nearest Lodge in their own State makes it prohibitive for them to join, and it seems that these men ought not to be kept from receiving the honors of Masonry on this account, and I would recommend that some form of reciprocal relations be established, if possible, with sister States bordering our own."

He ordered a cheque for $100 to be forwarded to the Grand Master of Minnesota to be used in relieving the suffering of any of the fire-stricken citizens of that State.

We were pleased to note that the Grand Master issued a circular letter to every Lodge under his Grand Jurisdiction, forbidding the subordinate Lodges to advance candidates who either fail or neglect to become proficient in the work of the preceding degrees. Masters of Lodges can scarcely err on the side of strictness in this regard.

We concur with Bro. Paul H. Jeardeau, Grand Lecturer, when he condemns the practice of conferring degrees upon candidates in classes, and the use of the "short form" in conferring the Third Degree. The first impression is the most lasting one, and this is only fully conveyed to the candidate when he participates in the work throughout.

He also points out the following irregularity which occurred in a subbordinate Lodge on "Ladies Night".

> "It appears that on this night the members bring their wives, sisters and daughters. On the last occasion of this kind held during the past year, the third section lecture of the E.A. Degree was given, using the stereopticon to illustrate the same. This proved to be very entertaining to the ladies, and one who was there informed me that they were very much interested and expressed the hope that they might sometime learn more of the work. This shows a creditable desire for light on the part of the ladies so favored, and it would seem as though their wish might some time be gratified unless this Grand Lodge expresses its disapproval of this Near Mexican Masonry."

We congratulate the Grand Lodge of North Dakota on the interest taken in oratory by offering an annual prize to the best orator in the State, and Frederick E. Stillwell, a student of Fargo College, upon winning the same.

His subject was "The Dignity of Individuality."

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.W. Bro. Robert Morrison... .. . ..Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell. . ... Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA

46th Annual. Halifax, June 14th & 21st, 1911.

One special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Amherst on Oct. 11th, 1910, for the purpose of consecrating a subordinate Lodge.

The Annual Communication was held in Freemasons' Hall in the City of Halifax. The first Session was held on Wednesday, June the 14th. R.W. Bro. Merlin, D.G.M., declared Grand Lodge opened in Due Form, and announced that owing to the fact that the Provincial Elections were being held on that day, it was decided that after Grand Lodge was opened in compliance with the Constitution it should be adjourned for one week.

Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 21st, with M.W. Bro. W. M. Black on the Throne.

M.W. Bro. Walter P. Doull, P.G.M., and now Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, was received with Grand Honors and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

A cablegram was dispatched to His Majesty King George V, congratulating him upon his approaching Coronation.

In the Grand Master's address touching reference was made to the death of M.W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, P.G.M., and at the time of his death Lieut.-Governor of the Province.

Unfortunately Grand Master Black was unable to find any one willing to undertake the duties of Grand Historian, owing to the greatness of the task of writing a history of this Grand Lodge from its organization to the present time.

Under the heading of Decisions, the Grand Master explains that when Lodge is At Ease, the members may move about the room and talk but that the doors still remain close tyled and no person may enter or leave until the Lodge is called to order and then must enter or leave in form.

A subordinate Lodge held an Emergent Communication for the purpose of attending the funeral of one of its members, whose residence was some miles from the Lodge room. Owing to the condition of the roads they were unable to return to the Lodge room the same day, and they were unable to close their Lodge until their return next day. The Grand Master was asked if their action was irregular and unmasonic.

His reply was:

> "That the Lodge being summoned for an Emergent Communication for a special purpose, they could remain in session until the business on hand was completed, and it being taken for granted that the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until such time as they could find a proper and secure Lodge room in which to close their Lodge their action on this occasion and under the peculiar circumstances was quite in order."

The Grand Master visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction last year and found everything in such an excellent condition that he did not deem it necessary to make any official visits during his second year of office.

He recommends that W.M's. of subordinate Lodges keep their Charters in a fire proof place, except when in use in the Lodge room. He states that under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Charter is in the care of the Master who brings it with him to Lodge Communications in a tin case, presumably keeping it in some vault between meetings.

The Grand Secretary's report showed a membership of 6223, a gain of 186 during the year.

The total receipts for dues, rents, etc., were $7,927.15 and for the Freemasons' Home $3,092.50.

A considerable portion of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge is taken up with a detailed description of work done in connection with the Masonic Home.

The brethren of Nova Scotia have every reason to be proud of their benevolent institution.

The Reports of the D.D.G.M's are complete and indicate that valuable work in the interests of Masonry has been accomplished by them.

The Constitution was revised and adopted by Grand Lodge. A full text appears on the printed proceedings. The following are some of the Standing Resolutions of this Grand Lodge:—

"1. Resolved, That the work styled "Ancient York Rite," be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so. Proceedings 1870, page 31.

"3. Resolved, That the use of Masonic emblems, or of the words 'Masonic,' or of the expression 'under the auspices of a Masonic Lodge,' in connection with any advertisement or a celebration, banquet, excursion, or any demonstration that is not essentially Masonic in character, or authorized by the Grand Master, is improper.

"5. Resolved, That no petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected in any Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting, such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge. Proceedings 1878, page 60.

"6. Resolved, That representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge failing to attend the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge three years in succession shall thereby forfeit their appointment. Proceedings 1889, page 70.

"7. Resolved, That Grand Lodge recommend that at all entertainments of Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges, the use of spirituous liquor and wines be strictly prohibited. G.L. Proceedings 1896, page 67."

Sixty-two proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges were reviewed by Grand Secretary Mowbray.

Alberta for 1911 was among the number.

M.W. Bro. Augustus John Wolff . . . . Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray. . . . . .Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK

44th Annual. St. John, August 22nd, 1911.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of St. John on Sunday afternoon, June 25th, 1911, for the purpose of attending divine service in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church.

The service was conducted by the V.W. Grand Chaplain, who also preached the sermon.

The brethren upon reassembling in the Lodge room passed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Gordon Dickie for his instructive sermon.

M.W. Bro. Henry S. Bridges, Grand Master, presided at the Annual Communication on August 22nd, 1911.

Past Grand Masters, the Hon. Jno. V. Ellis, Julius T. Whitlock and His Honor Judge Forbes were present and took an active part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address covers eighteen pages. He reports peace, unanimity and progress throughout the jurisdiction.

His address is of the usual type and contains little of interest for Masonic readers residing without the bounds of the province of New Brunswick.

No decisions were called for, and no work for the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Indeed, I fail to find any provision made for such a Committee on the list for 1912.

Long may they continue in the unique position of not requiring the services of such a committee.

R.W. Bro. Jno. V. Ellis, P.G.M., as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations made the following reference to Masonry as existing in France, and Grand Lodge concurred in the same:—

> "Your Committee remind Grand Lodge that there are in France two supreme authorities over the Craft Lodges, and that these two bodies are in harmonious relations with each other. The doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction does not hold in that country to the extent to which it is held in America. One of these bodies is the Grand Orient; the other is the Grand Lodge of France, which has under its control over one hundred and twenty Lodges, fifty of which are in Paris and its suburbs. Your Committee can see no very strong reason against friendly relationship and fellowship with the Grand Lodge. It often happens that a member of the Craft from this Province seeks, when in France, to visit the fraternity there. Our relations or want of them with the

Grand Orient practically prevents this. The brother does not seek the Grand Lodge of France, for he knows nothing of it. Yet it is a legitimate authority, admitted to be so, by the Grand Orient, and its certificates and balustres are issued in the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe; and its membership is a satisfactory one. The committee is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick might open negotiations with it looking for an interchange of representatives, pending the final settlement of all the difficulties which now exist between the Grand Orient of France and the governing bodies of the Craft elsewhere; and they so recommend."

The total receipts for the year were $3,069.10.

There are forty Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction having a total membership of 3,044, an increase of 119 over last year.

The rank of Past Grand Chaplain was conferred on W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Neales, Grand Chaplain in 1901.

The Report of only one District Deputy Grand Master appears in the proceedings, and he visited only four Lodges in his district.

Why this laxness?

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

M.W. Bro. Henry S. Bridges. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. J. Twining Hartt.. Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

122nd Annual. Concord, May 17th, 1911.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Freemasons Hall in the city of Manchester on Tuesday, December 27th, 1910. Sixty-nine Lodges were represented.

The principle object of this communication was to witness the exemplification of the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry. The work was performed by three subordinate Lodges selected for that purpose. Criticism of the work was made by the State Grand Lecturer, R.W. Bro. Herbert E. Richardson.

The M.W. Grand Master expressed thanks to the three Lodges for the splendid manner in which they had discharged the work they had so cheerfully undertaken.

The Masons of New Hampshire are justly proud of their Masonic Home building, a cut of which appears in the printed proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Edwin F. Jones concludes his practical address with these words:—

"There is need for the teachings of Masonry in this land to-day. Its great moral precepts, the active benevolence which it prescribes, the upright conduct which it inculcates, make for high character and noble living.

"Let us try to take with us into our daily lives a true appreciation of the duties we owe to our country, our neighbors, our families and ourselves.

"Acting in accordance with Masonic usage, let us cling to the traditions and landmarks of the past in our judgment and efforts along civic lines. Let us revere the constitutions of the fathers and assist in preserving the stability of Republican institutions. Let us be wisely conservative rather than followers after new-fangled notions and amateur theories of government. We know our representative form of government has been strong and capable in the past. If changes seem desirable now, let us rather attempt to mould the times to suit our form of government, than to change the government to suit the times and conform to the radical and socialistic ideas now so prevalent in certain circles. And Masonry preaches conservatism; it teaches equality of opportunity and the rule of character and ability; it stands for rational order and social well-being. If we remember its teachings and act within the moral bounds set by its principles, we may feel assured that we are doing our part in maintaining the honor and welfare of the Republic."

The reports of the seven District Deputy Grand Masters were highly creditable, showing that the responsibilities laid upon them by the Grand Master has not been misplaced.

There are eighty Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction having a membership of ten thousand, three hundred and thirty-nine, the net increase being seventy-nine.

The proceedings for Alberta for 1910 were fully reviewed by Bro. Harry M. Cheney. Every item of importance has received fraternal recognition.

M.W. Bro. Chas. H. Wiggin . . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney . . . . . Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

124th Annual. Trenton, April 19th, 1911.

Five corner stones were laid and four Lodges constituted by M.W. Bro. Alton H. Sherman during the Masonic year.

At the annual communication of this Grand Lodge there were twelve Past Grand Masters present.

W. Bro. Treadwell, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was also present.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully worded, business like presentation of his official acts during the year.

The total membership is now 33,094, being a net gain of 1670 over that of 1910.

The Grand Master recommended every Lodge to protect itself against pecuniary loss by requiring bonds or other security from the Treasurer or Trustee of the Lodge.

"Statistics," he says, "show the defalcation in beneficient associations from 1901 to 1909 aggregate the large sum of $3,528,086.00, notwithstanding the fact that these associations are founded for the cultivation of the most admirable qualities of human nature."

The Masonic Home Committee report that:—

> "The total receipts from this fund for the year ending March 31st, 1911, have been $30,188.11, of which $14,328.78 is from initiates, $9,928-.50 from the thirty cents per capita tax, $4,307.75 interest on bonds and mortgages, $681.81 interest on deposits, $305.40 from pensions and benefits, and $635.87 from miscellaneous sources. The payments have amounted to $30,040.92. The balance on hand January 1st, 1911, to constitute the Emergency Fund is $2,061.69, and the balance to credit of the Maintenance Fund at March 31st is $15,734.66."

The Committee on Credentials and Returns of Lodges report that one hundred and ninety Lodges submitted returns during the past year and of that number only sixty-five were correct.

They recommended Grand Lodge to adopt some measure to relieve this annual condition of affairs.

Why not place a fine on all the Secretaries of subordinate Lodges who have failed to make correct returns before a certain fixed date?

This has been tried by other Grand Lodges, with successful results.

A revised translation of the German Manual was authorized by Grand Lodge. The German speaking Lodges of New Jersey are the only Lodges

working in the German language in the United States who are in possession of a regular authorized Manual.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following resolution which was adopted:—

> "A brother of the Lodge may become a life member thereof by depositing with the Lodge a sum of money which at the current rate of interest allowed by local savings banks, will produce sufficient income to pay his annual dues.
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> "At the time of making such deposit the brother may designate in writing, to be filed with the Secretary, the purpose to which said deposit shall be applied at his decease. In the absence of such designation the deposit, upon the death of the brother, shall revert to the Lodge."

The appeal to assist in the building of a Memorial to Washington, the Mason, met with a hearty response by the brethren. The plan and object of the undertaking was thus explained:—

> "First the memorial is to be in the form of a temple. One floor is to be set apart forever, to be the absolute property of the Memorial Association. The auditorium will be the property of the Memorial Association, and all rents derived from the auditorium are to be placed in the treasury for the support and maintenance of the Memorial Temple. Each Grand Jurisdiction is to be allowed space in the Memorial Hall upon which to erect memorial tablets or some form of commemoration for their departed. The Memorial Association is to consist of two representatives from each Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Master and one elected by the Grand Lodge. In addition to those, each Sovereign Grand Body, if they elect to do so—I mean the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite, the National Grand Chapter and other National Bodies—are to have two representatives in this Association, and they are to constitute the law-making institution to govern and control the Association. They are to meet annually in conference on the twenty-second day of February in the Memorial, when completed, and in Alexandria-Washington Lodge until the completion of the Temple.
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> "The name 'Memorial to Washington' is a misnomer. It is a memorial to every man of every Grand Jurisdiction who is elected to space in this hall of fame, to every man that every Grand Jurisdiction deems worthy of space in this hall of fame, and, in addition to the

tablet or statues to be erected in the space allotted to the Grand Jurisdictions, there is to be a biographic sketch of each man who is awarded space, to be kept under the head of the Grand Jurisdiction from which they came."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a comprehensive one covering 182 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges.

Brief recognition is given to Alberta, 1910.

M.W. Bro. Leslie A Burrett . . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Benjamin F. Wakefield . . . . . Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES

23rd Annual. Sydney, June 14, 1911.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Sydney, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1910, for the purpose of installing the various officers of Grand Lodge. The following distinguished visitors were present: M.W. Bro. W. Jones, P.G.M., the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and officers of that Grand Lodge; M.W. the Hon. C. E. Davies, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania; R.W. Bro. Charles Glover, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and officers of that Grand Lodge; M.W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, together with officers of that Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Sir Thos. Gibson Carmichael, Grand Master of Victoria, was invited to take the chair and install the M.W. Grand Master elect.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Chelmsford is the fifth Governor of New South Wales since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge to occupy the Grand East.

Quarterly Communications were held during the year at which much business was transacted, but of interest, to a large extent, only to the brethren of New South Wales. We are pleased to note the excellent work done in behalf of the poor and needy of this Grand Lodge, showing that this fundamental principle of Freemasonry is being practised to an eminent degree by our brethren of New South Wales.

The total number of Lodges in active work is 238, an increase of ten during the year.

Subscribing members number 16,036, an increase of 1,214 since the last annual report.

Grand Lodge fund increased by £2,305 to £9,510.

Benevolent Fund increased by £1,515 to £18,834.

Freemason's Orphan Society increased by £522 to £30,779.

Freemason's Benevolent Institution increased by £1,299 to £13,321.

The territory is divided into Metropolitan and twenty-three Country Districts, under Inspectors who make quarterly reports to Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence consists of five members, each of whom had some share in the work of reviewing the proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions. The reports are concise and in excellent literary form.

M.W. Bro. the Right Honorable Lord Chelmsford....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Arthur H. Bray.. . .. ..Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK

130th Annual. New York, May 2nd, 1911.

The 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was opened in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, City of New York, on the afternoon of May 2nd, 1911.

M.W. Bro. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master in the Grand East.

The Grand Master's address covers sixty-two pages.

He mourns the loss of many brethren of his own and Sister Jurisdictions. He sent a cable message of sympathy to the Grand Lodge of England upon learning of the death of King Edward VII, Protector of Freemasonry in England, and as the Prince of Wales its Grand Master for many years.

Acting under instructions from the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Secretary cabled His Royal Highness' warmest thanks for their most kind sympathy.

Eight dispensations were issued for the establishment of new Lodges.

The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada has discovered and brought to light 4,314 unworthy persons preying upon the credulity of our Craft in every section of the land.

The Grand Master expresses his appreciation of the benevolent work done by the German District of this Grand Lodge.

He says:—

"While the Craft at large may point with some degree of pride to the Home at Utica, our German brethren can with greater pride point to their beautiful home, perfect in all its appointments, charmingly located and splendidly managed, because in addition to the support they render to the Utica Home, they also maintain that at Tappan."

The Grand Master referred to the question of blank ballots cast at an annual election in the following terms:—

"Under a provision of our Book of Constitutions, the officers of a constituent Lodge must be 'chosen annually by ballot, and by a majority of votes.' The question is repeatedly asked when blank ballots are cast if these are to be considered a part of the whole number of votes cast, and whether the successful brother must receive a majority of that number.

"Simons, in his 'Jurisprudence,' holds that a majority of all the votes cast is necessary, although among these there may be blanks. This rule has been followed many years, and whenever the matter has been submitted for a decision, the contention of Simons has been maintained."

Section 41, of the Book of Constitutions was amended to read "Majority of votes excluding blank ballots."

Hereafter all accredits for Grand Representatives from other Grand Lodges shall be for not exceeding three years, and any sister Grand Lodge not desiring to commission a Representative subject to this resolution shall be still held in fraternal relations, but without exchange of representatives.

The free distribution of Past Master's Certificates by the Grand Secretary was discontinued, and only granted thereafter upon application of a Past Master, accompanied by a fee of two dollars.

A complete account of the excellent work done at the Masonic Home. Utica, is given in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The average membership at the Home for the past twelve months was 415.

The current expenses for maintenance was $86,562.30, a per capita cost of $208.58 for twelve months.

R.W. Bro. Edwin A. Quick, Grand Historian, has had a busy year. He presented historic sketches of thirty-one Lodges.

The following resolutions were adopted by Grand Lodge:—

"Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to organize and establish, under the auspices of the Grand

Lodge, an employment bureau, to assist Masons, their children, wives and widows in obtaining employment when needed.

"Resolved, That for this purpose $1,000 be, and the same is hereby appropriated.

"Resolved, That the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund be authorized to devote a vacant office in this building to the use of the bureau hereby authorized.

"Resolved, That R.W. William H. Miller, the originator of the idea of this bureau, be the chairman of the Committee."

Just before the closing of Grand Lodge the Grand Master addressed the brethren with these words:—

"Brethren: We are going now to take our happiness home, but before leaving I want to bring to your attention for a moment a letter that came to me during the session. The subject of the letter has been on my mind a long while. I do not believe that the writer of the letter got his impressions from any experience he had in New York, but we who are down here have to meet it more or less. It is just an intimation of how careful we should be, and I can only say in a few words, 'Let us so walk in this world that our neighbor shall be proud of us.'"

May 3rd, 1911.

"Permit me to present a thought to you for action, or otherwise as you may deem advisable.

"In brief: I witnessed a body of from 50,000 to 60,000 Roman Catholics pledging themselves to notonly abstain from profanity, but to discourage it in others as far as they could do so. That was in Pittsburg last autumn. Would it not be a grand movement to have the same matter presented to this Grand Lodge, and through it to the 170,000 Masons of New York State. Profanity is one of the great growing evils of this country, and, I say it advisedly, among Masons as much as among those not of our order, and not only in every day life but in the Lodge ante-room of many Lodges.

"Please consider the above—if not at this session of the Grand Lodge, at the next—if you think it advisable."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed, without personal comment, the proceedings of sister jurisdictions.

One page is devoted to Alberta, 1910.

M.W. Bro. Robert Judson Kenworthy.....Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers ....Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

22nd Annual. Christchurch, May 10th, 1911.

This Grand Lodge has one hundred and seventy-nine subordinate Lodges with a total membership of 11,558.

Twelve new Lodges were constituted during the year.

Grants amounting to £158,11s. have been made from the Benevolent Fund during the year ending March 31st, 1911.

Eight Circular Appeals were issued during the past year on behalf of special cases of need and the response was highly creditable to the Masons of New Zealand.

The Board of Management of the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund paid out in Annuities £566.

The board of General Purposes met thirteen times during the year.

Some other Grand Lodges might profit by a similar course of action on the part of their boards.

M.W. Bro. Alfred H. Burton was engaged to act as Reviewer of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges at a remuneration of £60 per annum. His report covers 108 pages and gives ample evidence of the fact that the Board of General Purposes made a wise choice.

The Immediate Past Master (Lord Plunket) was presented with a service of plate as a memento of his four years' services as Grand Master.

All the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction were advised by Grand Lodge to provide each candidate with an inexpensive copy of the Sacred Writings on which he would seal the obligations in the several degrees.

The status and privileges of a "Lewis" were explained by the Board of General Purposes and afterwards agreed to by Grand Lodge.

> "Many Lodges and brethren appear to assume that the son of a Master Mason is of right entitled to be initiated at the age of eighteen years, and, acting upon that assumption, it has happened that a Master Mason not twelve Months in the Craft has had his son proposed for admission at the age of 18. It is contended by some authorities that the qualification for a "Lewis" is that he must have been born the son of a Master Mason, but, without going so far as that, the Board is of opinion that due discrimination should be exercised. The design and nature of our institution require that none shall be admitted to its privileges until they have reached the age of maturity and discretion; each case, therefore, should be considered on its merits before the Grand Master is advised to grant the necessary dispensation."

Grand Lodge adopted the broad general principle with regard to the physical qualifications of candidates, that they are considered eligible for election if they are sufficiently perfect in their limbs to comply with and go through the various ceremonies required in the different degrees.

It is understood and agreed in the Grand Lodge of New Zealand that where a brother fills the office of Grand Chaplain or Grand Organist before he attains the rank of Past Master, he should on attaining that distinction be given Past Grand rank.

Provision was made for the automatic exclusion of members in arrears by the adoption of the following:—

> "Any member who shall be three years in arrear shall ipso facto cease to be a member of his Lodge, always provided that at least three months' notice shall have been given to such member by registered letter to his last known postal address.
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> "The postal receipt for such registered letter shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary with the next return thereafter due to Grand Lodge, and shall be accepted as sufficient proof of the brother in question having ceased membership, and his name shall accordingly be removed from the Register."

The elaborate ceremony of Installation of the Grand Lodge officers of New Zealand is evidently a very interesting one.

The Reports of the Provincial Grand Masters indicate that the Grand Master has been represented in the various districts of Grand Lodge by faithful and zealous members of the Craft.

The statistical report is very complete, and shows every phase of the work done by the subordinate Lodges during the year.

M.W. Bro. Christopher J. Griffiths..... ...Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol..... ...Grand Secretary.

OHIO

102nd Annual. Dayton, Oct. 18th, 1911.

A picture of an unbroken line of twenty Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Ohio adorns the first page of the proceedings.

They were all present at the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Edward Burkhardt, Mayor of Dayton, on behalf of the citizens, and M.W. Bro. Horace A. Irvin, on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity,

extended greetings and words of welcome. M.W. Bro. Sperra eloquently responded on behalf of Grand Lodge.

Greetings were exchanged between the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Grand Lodge of Ohio, both being in session at the same time.

Grand Master H. S. Kissell in his annual address pays loving tribute of respect to the memory of Past Grand Master Joseph M. Goodspeed, who died June 11th, 1911.

He described him as being a man of inspiring presence, fine education and winning address, one who filled the various positions in which he was called upon to serve with great credit and to the satisfaction of his associates.

Four dispensations were granted to establish new Lodges.

Three Lodges were constituted, eight Lodge rooms dedicated and seven cornerstones laid during the year.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction and the relations with foreign jurisdictions continue to be of a cordial and friendly nature.

The following extract from the Grand Master's address is well worth repeating:—

> "If Masonry is of any practical value, if it is anything but the mere forms and ceremonies of our initiations, it must show itself in the uplift it gives to the individual members of our Fraternity. The lessons which are taught at its altars should make each one of us better and stronger; we should each be a force for good in our community; we should be men in the strongest and noblest sense of the word.
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> "In our own jurisdiction we have an instance which to men indicates that Masonry is a live, vital force. I think it is proper that it should be mentioned in this address, and I am indeed gratified to be able to tell you of this specific example.
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> "During the past year, or possibly a little more, over eighteen hundred men have been convicted in Adams County for selling their votes, and these men have been disfranchised. In this same county we have five active Lodges. Of the eighteen hundred men who were convicted, not one is a Mason, and not a Mason was indicted by the Grand Jury investigating these cases. If Masonry could maintain this record it would be a mighty power aiding in the solution of the many great problems which confront us as a nation.'

His criticism of those tampering with the Prescribed Work meets with our hearty approval.

He says:—

"I find that not a few of the Lodges are adding quite a little work which is not contained in the Ritual or Standard Monitor. A long soliloquy is being used in one of the Lodges at least; a dialogue has also been added which pertains to the conspiracy; several of the Lodges have very elaborate drills; and I have seen and heard of other matters which I fear will, if continued, destroy the effect which has been made to secure uniformity in the work.

"When the attention of the Master has been called to Resolution 10, found on page 84 of the Code, the reply has been that they 'conform to' the Ritual and Monitor by not omitting any of the prescribed work, and that therefore they do not consider the additions which they make to be in violation of this Resolution.

"I therefore made the following decision: 'Any addition to, as well as any omission from, the work as prescribed in the Ritual adopted by this Grand Lodge, is in violation of that part of Resolution 10 which enjoins conformity to said Ritual.'"

The number of members in this Grand Lodge is 82,833, being an increase of 3,332 over that of the preceding year.

A per capita tax of 30c. per member is collected in aid of the Masonic Home. This amounted to $24,849.90.

An appropriation of $20,000 was made from the funds of Grand Lodge for special objects in connection with the Masonic Home.

Grand Lodge authorized the Grand Master to obtain on its behalf membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, provided the same can be done without entering into any contractual relations with said Association; reserving to this Grand Lodge the right to sever such membership at any time it may see fit to do so, and that all contribution to said enterprise, whether of this Grand Lodge, the subordinate Lodges, or membership under its obedience, must be entirely voluntary.

The sum of $350 was voted to M.W. Bro. Nelson Williams for his labors as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

They are well worthy of some special recognition on the part of Grand Lodge. He has proven a worthy successor to Bro. Cunningham, who was one of the ablest reviewers of the Knights of the Round Table.

M.W. Bro. Thomas B. Gitteau . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell . . . . Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA

3rd Annual. Guthrie, Feb. 8th, 1911.

Fifteen emergent communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year, thirteen of which were for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings and two for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Halls.

There were present at their Annual Communication sixteen Past Grand Masters, eight Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions and one hundred and forty-eight Past Masters, representing three hundred and twenty-five subordinate Lodges.

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Ruddell declares that they have had a very successful year, making especial mention of the establishment of the Home at Darlington and the promulgation of the ritualistic work adopted at the last session of Grand Lodge.

Eighteen dispensations were granted to form new Lodges.

The Grand Master is to be commended for his action in suspending the charter of a certain Lodge whose officers and members failed to take action against several of its members who were guilty of immasonic conduct. He appointed a special committee to investigate and report, and suitable punishment was meted out to the offenders.

We quote in full from the address of the Grand Master where he reports the correspondence between the Grand Masters of the State of Mississippi and New Jersey regarding the admission of negroes into Masonry, and also his own opinion of the same.

The Grand Master of Mississippi writes:—

"Meridian, Mississippi, Jan. 14th, 1909.

"Mr. William D. Wolfskeil, Grand Master of Masons
of New Jersey, Elizabeth, N. J.

"M.W. Sir and Dear Brother: Yours of August 25, advising me that negroes are initiated and affiliated in your Grand Jurisdiction is received.

"Our Grand Lodge holds differently. Masonry never contemplated that her privileges should be extended to a race morally and intellectually totally incapacitated to discharge the obligations which they assume or have conferred upon them in a Masonic Lodge. It is no answer that there are exceptions to this general character of the race. We legislate for the race and not for the exceptions.

"We hold that affiliations with negroes is contrary to the teachings

of Masonry and dangerous to the interests of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Therefore, I, E. J. Martin, Grand Master of Masons, in the State of Mississippi, do order that fraternal correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey be and is hereby discontinued until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey shall see fit to desist from her present practice of initiating or affiliating negroes as Masons.

"With my best personal regards, I am,

"Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Martin,

Grand Master."

"It is indeed unfortunate that after all these years, after the red blood of heated civil war has cooled for nearly half a century, after the Mason and Dixon line has become but a memory, after the sons of the North and the South have mingled in the ranks of war against a foreign enemy for the defence of our common country, that the negro should be the means of causing disarrangement and discord within our institution. Even in the dark days of reconstruction in the South, when strife and bitterness and hardship and persecution stalked abroad in the land, our Fraternity was little affected thereby in its internal affairs. Masonry has ever been beyond and above political, civil and religious controversies and broils.

"I am not willing to recognize fraternally, correspond and exchange representatives with any Grand Jurisdiction in which negroes are recognized as Masons. A citizen of a State where marriage between the races is forbidden, where they are separated in the railway carriage, waiting rooms, hotels and schools, I am unwilling to meet upon the level, individuals of a race who are the moral and intellectual inferiors of the most inferior of the Indian and Anglo-Saxon; then shall we allow our noble Fraternity to become contaminated by their association with it, and our female relatives to be associated with negroes as members of our Lodges, and consequently eligible for membership in the Eastern Star Chapter? I most emphatically say no, and I object to fraternal relation with a Jurisdiction that places itself and its members in such a degraded and degrading position.

"If the Grand Lodge of New Jersey desires to initiate and affiliate negroes, it is its business, and we have nothing to say as to how it manages its internal affairs, but we have a right to say that if it does this

we will not affiliate with its Grand Lodge or allow members from its constituent Lodges to visit our Lodges or be recognized as Masons.

"I recommend that the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma decline to form a fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and that the Grand Master be directed to inform the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction that no member of a New Jersey Lodge will be accorded Masonic recognition in this Jurisdiction, so long as the Grand Lodge of New Jersey adheres to its present position."

The following articles were unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge:—

"ARTICLE 11

"Section 2.—It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden to thoroughly prepare himself to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree and for the Senior Warden to thoroughly prepare himself to confer the Fellow Craft Degree, and that the Junior Warden and Senior Warden shall, with the consent of the Master, confer said degrees. Provided, however, that the Master may call upon any competent member of his Lodge or any Present or Past Master of this or any sister jurisdiction to confer any degree, but no other Mason."

"ARTICLE 16

"Section 1.—Dimits: Whenever a member whose dues are fully paid shall in person or in writing apply for a dimit, and no charges are preferred, and no brother shall claim a privilege to prefer them, the application shall be granted by order of the Master and without vote of the Lodge; but only when the Lodge has been notified that the brother applying for said dimit has petitioned some other Masonic Lodge for affiliation, or has signed a petition for dispensation for a new Lodge."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be not granted to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. The report was adopted.

We enjoyed the reading of the review of Bro. S. M. Bond, but failed to find any reference to Alberta therein.

M.W. Bro. Alexis Eddleman . . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. William M. Anderson . . . . . Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA

125th Annual. Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, 1911.

Quarterly Communications were held.

A Special Communication was held in the City of Philadelphia on Sept. 25th, for the purpose of celebrating the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the independence of this Grand Lodge.

Invitations were extended to Bro. Taft, President of the United States, to the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and to many of the Grand Lodge Officers in the neighboring Grand Lodges of America.

Eleven Grand Masters of Sister Grand Lodges or their representatives were present and took part in the proceedings.

The programme was of an exceptional character throughout. Personally we regret that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did not print at least one of the addresses in the proceedings. The subjects and high rank of the speakers are sufficient guarantee of the merit of each address.

A musical programme and banquet were enjoyed at the close of this session of Grand Lodge.

The Annual Communication was held on December 27, 1911. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. George W. Guthrie, Grand Master.

One hundred and twenty-five Lodges were represented.

The Committee on Masonic Homes recommended the expenditure of $100,000 for the extension and maintenance of the Home at Elizabethtown.

Their recommendation was subsequently adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has a very extensive library. 1022 volumes were added during the past year; making a total of 11,127 works in addition to the 35,000 volumes of the proceedings of the various Grand Masonic Bodies of the world.

Grand Master Guthrie in his annual address rebuked severely certain brethren who had been using Masonry to further their political interest. Such brethren if proven guilty should be expelled from Masonry.

The following decisions will be of interest:—

> "The use of chain-letters by Lodges or individual members of the Fraternity, is positively prohibited, no matter what the purpose.
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> "The advancement of an Entered Apprentice Mason cannot be prevented by an objection. After a brother has received that degree, his advancement can be prevented only by charges, on which he is entitled to a trial.

"A Lodge may not, by the adoption of a resolution, set aside any provision of its By-laws.

"Advertisements in newspapers and periodicals of the names, numbers, and places of meeting, as well as a list of the officers of subordinate Lodges, are positively prohibited.

"It is the law in this Jurisdiction that a Masonic Lodge must not be opened on Sunday for any purpose whatever.

"If a funeral of a deceased brother is called for Sunday, the members may meet at the Lodge room and proceed from there to the funeral, but a Lodge must not be opened.

"A Lodge must not open its stated meeting at any other hour than that named in its By-laws.

"The By-laws fix the hour of the meetings, and the only way to change that hour is by an amendment thereto.

"Refused permission for a Lodge to occupy the banquet-room later than 12 o'clock p.m. That is the close of the day, and there is no reason why the brethren should not be on their way home by that time."

Four new Lodges were constituted during the year. The following gives the numerical and financial strength of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:—

Number of Lodges, December 27, 1910	481
Number of Members, December 27, 1910	96,430
Number of Members of the Grand Lodge, December 27, 1910	11,542
Without a dollar of debt, with absolute right and title to	
Real Estate in Philadelphia County, book value	$2,183,235.09
Real Estate in Lancaster County, book valve	168,889.63
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	103,561.61
Thomas Singleton Bequest	27,893.24
Emergency Relief Fund	12,738.05
With the following Bequests, of which the Grand Lodge are Trustees, interest of which is available for charitable purposes only:—	
Stephen Girard Bequest	$81,380.29
Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	116,232 33
Stephen Taylor Bequest	18,422.17
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Bequest No. 1	20,480.00
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Bequest No. 2	38,306 00
Maxwell Sommerville Bequest, Art Fund	10,630 15
Maxwell Sommerville Bequest, Banquet Fund	5,132.02
Thomas Rankin Patton Masonic Institution for Boys	824,530.94

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. James M. Lamberton, Chairman of the Committee

It covers 316 pages, and contains much of general interest to the Craft.

R.W. Bro. William L. Gorgas . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. John A. Perry. . . Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC

41st Annual. Montreal, Feb. 8th, 1911.

Three Special Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, one for the purpose of conferring the last rites and ceremonies of the Craft upon the remains of the late R.W. Bro. William Ernest Middleton, Deputy Grand Master; the second one for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late M.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Alexander A. Stevenson, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Master and two Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada were present to join with the brethren of Quebec in paying the last sad offices of respect to one of the brightest Masons who ever occupied the Grand East in any jurisdiction in the Dominion of Canada.

The Third Special Communication was held in the Windsor Hall in the city of Montreal on May 20th, 1910, for the purpose of holding a Memorial Service for the late Most Worshipful Brother King Edward VII, Protector of the Craft. About 1200 Masons were present; the largest and most imposing gathering of Masons ever known in the Province.

Addresses were delivered by R.W. Bro. Rev. James Barclay, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain (G.L. of Scotland) and R.W. Bro. Rev. Herbert Symonds, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain (G.L. of Quebec).

The Annual Communication was held in the City of Montreal on February 8th, 1911.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master J. Alex. Cameron in the Grand East.

The Grand Secretary in giving the list of the Grand Lodge Officers places the names of the D.D.G.M's. immediately after that of the Deputy Grand Master. This is unusual, but in our opinion the proper order to place them.

Sixty Lodges were represented out of a total of sixty-two.

The Grand Master speaking of benevolence says:—

"The present time, in my opinion, is notably opportune for the consideration of the question. The atmosphere of this province, during the past twenty-four months, has been more than usually superheated with the venomous and immoderate attacks upon Freemasonry, attacks which deliberately confound the Freemasonry practised by ourselves and that spurious imitation which derives its inspiration from the agnosticism or atheism of the Grand Orient of France. These attacks we bear in dignified silence—knowing that they are false; we may be temporarily ruffled and annoyed, but we comfort ourselves with the assurance that in due time our justification will be complete.

"It is my earnest conviction, brethren, that this is not enough. I see in these slanders a challenge—a challenge to the faith which is in us—a challenge to make good our assertion that practical charity is an essential feature of Freemasonry—a challenge to double and treble our benevolent and charitable energies so that we may send back a ringing reply which friend and foe alike may understand."

Two new Lodges were instituted during the year, one being University Lodge in the City of Montreal.

Regarding this new Lodge the Grand Master remarks:—

"The undergraduate membership of a great university generally includes some who are Masons; such is the case with McGill University, with over 2,000 students from all parts of the world; and with the co-operation and under the guidance of several graduates, members of the Craft, resident in Montreal, including certain distinguished members of the teaching staff of McGill, who have the additional incentive of common interest, a Lodge has been formed which will serve as a Masonic home for the undergraduate Craftsmen in our midst.

"Apart from the interest which the new Lodge will take in students who are Masons, it may interest you to learn that one of the useful purposes which the first W.M. Bro. James Chalmers Cameron, M.A., M.D., hopes to be served, will be that of looking up and taking an interest in undergraduates who are sons of Masons in any jurisdiction with which we hold fraternal relations and whose presence at McGill is intimated to the Lodge."

The illegal Lodge "Emancipation" established in the City of Montreal about 1897 by the Grand Orient of France, has caused considerable annoyance to the brethren of Quebec.

Two persons who were formerly members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have joined "Emancipation" Lodge and charges are now being laid against each of these brethren for unmasonic conduct.

The Grand Master wisely condemns the practice of electing brethren to any office by rotation of Lodge.

The total membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is now 6633, a net increase of 308 over the preceding year.

We enjoyed the reading of the admirable address delivered by R.W. Bro. Rev. J. G. Hindley and regret that lack of space forbids quoting from it at some length.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.M.

In his introductory remarks with reference to the hostility of a powerful section of the people of Quebec he truly says:—

> "This hostility is powerless to injure us. Masonry has more to fear from within than from without. So long as the conduct of the brethren is above reproach all will be well. Our gratifying increase in numerical strength, the lives of our members and our works of benevolence are the fitting reply to our traducers."

The following statistics given by him will also be of interest to our readers:—

> "It is significant of the increasing demand for Masonic light and knowledge on this North American continent, that there should have been an increase in the membership of Lodges in the United States from 1909 to 1910 of no less than 67,901, making a grand total of 1,317,123, and in the various Lodges of the Dominion of Canada of 3,743, making a total of 72,194. The rate of increase from 1909 to 1910 was strangely enough the same in both Canada and the United States, namely about eighteen and a third per cent. In the Province of Quebec, where the opposition to Freemasonry is more violent than anywhere else, the increase was considerably above the average, exceeding twenty-two and a half per cent. So much for persecution!"

M.W. Bro. Rev. Frank Charters.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Will H. Whyte.....Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND

7th Annual. Brisbane, June, 1911.

Quarterly Communications were held during the year.

This Grand Lodge has fifty-seven Lodges and an aggregate membership of over 2,000 members on the roll.

They have issued 1072 Master Masons' Certificates during the past five years.

The Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund has a credit balance of over £1,200. The relief granted amounts to over £700, more than half of which has been given to brethren of other Constitutions, and that is entirely irrespective of benefactions by private Lodges. They utterly disregarded geographical distinctions as being unmasonic.

The Widows, Orphans, and Aged Masons Institution has a credit of over £1,850. The Institution is supporting nine orphans at present.

One warrant has been issued for a new Lodge during the year.

The Grand Lodge Officers have been very active in the discharge of their official duties.

The Grand Secretary travelled 6,000 miles; the Deputy Grand Master 4,000 miles; the Grand Master 3,600 miles; the President of the Board of General Purposes 2,000 miles and other members of Grand Lodge shorter distances. The installation ceremonies in most of the subordinate Lodges were conducted by Grand Lodge officers.

Grand Master Hertzberg refers in a kindly fraternal spirit to the excellent work done by the Grand Lodges of their Mother Country and regrets that fraternal intercourse does not exist between these Grand Lodges and that of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. He cautions his brethren to exercise every vigilance to preserve peace throughout the jurisdiction.

His concluding remarks are well worthy of being quoted in full:—

> "Let us ever bear in mind what are the true aims and objects of our noble Craft. Human happiness is its first. It is emphasized by our teachings that God is the universal Father and men are brothers the world over. The corollary to such sublime ideals is unity of effort and endeavor for the good of all our brethren, advancement of Masonic charity, general benevolence, and a constant aim to reduce the aggregate of human misery and vice. In all these we have endeavored to act up to the noblest traditions of the Craft, and making allowances for our youth and numbers, the result we have achieved is beyond the most sanguine hopes. We have taken our full share in this community in all works of charity. I trust we shall ever continue to do so. Above all let us be charitable towards each other and towards our fellows in both applications of the term.
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> "If what should be given is given willingly the kindness is doubled. It is difficult to tell how much men's minds are conciliated by a kind manner and gentle speech."

Charity has been well defined in these words:—

"'It is principle of prevailing love of God and goodwill to man which effectually inclines one endued with it to glorify God and do good to others; to be patient, slow to anger, and ready to put up with wrongs; to show kindness to all and seek the good of others, though with prejudice to oneself. A person endued therewith does not interpret doubtful things to the worse sense, but the best; is sorry for the faults of others, but rejoices when any one does well and is apt to bear with their shortcomings and infirmities. Indeed the highest exercise of charity is charity toward the uncharitable.'"

"Let us continue to venerate the wonderful platform which Freemasonry has given to the world. It is wider than our creeds and churches, it embraces all mankind irrespective of race or creed, it strives for one humanity and brings together those, whom sects have separated, and does so without the least interference with creeds. Brethren, let us hope we shall ever cherish this noble heritage and demonstrate its beneficent effects, by our actions in our every day life and in our intercourse with our fellows, be they Masons or not."

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

M.W. Bro. A. M. Hertzberg..... ..... . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Chas. H. Harley.. . . . . Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND

120th Annual. Providence, May 15th, 1911.

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was convened in Freemason's Hall, Providence, on Monday, July 25th, 1910, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of their Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Henry Warren Rugg.

The officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, of which body he was the Most Eminent Grand Master, performed the Knights Templar Funeral Service over his remains and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island rendered the Masonic Burial Service at the Grave.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Triennial Conclave held in Chicago, August 9th, 1910, authorized the creation and establishment of a fund to be known as The Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial

Fund, in order that his last resting place might be marked by a monument and that his widow would be cared for during her declining years.

The sum of one thousand dollars was voted for this purpose and Grand Lodge supplemented this by voting an appropriation of five hundred dollars.

At the Annual Communication held on May 15th, 1911, Rt. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. James B. Gay, presided on the East.

Representatives were present from thirty-one Lodges.

The Acting Grand Master gave a brief account of duties performed during the year.

The five District Deputy Grand Masters presented concise reports of the condition of Masonry in their several districts. In almost every instance this official presided at the election and installed the officers of the Lodges in his district.

There are thirty-seven Lodges, having a total membership of 7,811 in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The total disbursements for the year were $4,159.53.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home with instructions to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The statistical report at the close of the proceedings states that there are 13,903 Lodges in the United States, having a total membership of 1,404,199, an increase of 63,344 during their Masonic year.

In Canada there are 847 Lodges, having a total membership of 78,081, an increase of 5,116 during the year.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.W. Bro. James Bacon Gay..... .. . .Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. S. Penrose Williams.. .... Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN

5th Annual. Regina, June 28th, 1911.

One Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge was held during the Masonic year. This was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the New Masonic Temple at the city of Prince Albert. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Bishop of Saskatchewan addressed the brethren.

Grand Lodge was convened on June 21st and declared open in ample form by the Grand Master. An adjournment was then made until the 28th inst., as a token of loyalty to His Majesty the King, whose Coronation took place on June 22nd.

An address of welcome was delivered by Bro. P. McAra, Jr., Mayor of the city, and responded to by R.W. Bros. Hopkins and Willoughby.

Grand Master Tate in his annual address states that peace and prosperity reign within the borders of their Grand Jurisdiction.

When this Grand Lodge was formed five years ago, they began with twenty-four chartered Lodges and five under dispensation. Now they have sixty-five chartered Lodges and eighteen under dispensation, a total of eighty-three Lodges.

The membership then was less than nine hundred, now it is about four thousand.

The Grand Master wisely warned the brethren to guard carefully the portals of their Lodges.

This is the more necessary in the Western Provinces of Canada. Thousands are entering our prairie provinces from the four quarters of the globe, and it is difficult to learn much about some of our applicants before they rap at our Masonic doors for admission. Their previous record should be carefully investigated before a favorable report is made by the committee entrusted with that responsibility.

In order to secure uniformity in the work, the Grand Master called a meeting of the various D.D.G.M's, an occasional Lodge was formed and the three degrees exemplified, after which the Grand Master decided any points in dispute.

The District Deputies were instructed to hold Lodges of Instruction in their several districts and convey the instruction received to the officers of the various Lodges.

Twelve Lodges were constituted during the year and thirty visited by the Grand Master.

He holds that it is not unconstitutional, but not advisable to appoint a secret committee on the petitions for initiation or affiliation.

The complete reports of the various D.D.G.M's show that they performed their duties in a satisfactory manner and merited the approbation tendered by M.W. the Grand Master.

It is pleasing to note the effort made by each to secure uniformity in the work.

The task is a difficult one when we consider that so many Masons are entering the province with their preconceived ideas of how the work should be performed.

The financial statements show a credit balance of $3,658.68 to general account and $2,255.84 to Benevolent Fund account.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Three Past Grand Masters were appointed Custodians of the Work for this Grand Lodge.

Revised Ceremonies for Installation, Institution, Constitution, Consecration and Funerals were adopted.

A message of congratulation was forwarded to their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary on their Coronation and included expressions of loyalty and devotion to the Crown.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a comprehensive one.

Two pages were devoted to Alberta, 1910.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Hopkins.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Jno. M. Shaw.....Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, Feb. 2nd, 1911.

The Most Honorable The Marquess of Tullibardine, Grand Master.

Quarterly Communications were held.

As the proceedings were largely made up of lists of Grand Lodge officers and their committees, together with a roll of members of the subordinate Lodges, financial returns, etc., we find little which we consider of interest to Canadian Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland was presented by His Majesty the King with the Masonic Regalia of His late Majesty King Edward the seventh, who was patron of Scottish Freemasonry.

A ruling was asked by Lodge Scoon and Perth, No. 3, on the following:

> "Whether a brother who was not a Mark Master, and happens to visit a Lodge about to work the Mark Degree, may receive that Degree without any request from the Master and Wardens of the Lodge to which he belongs for that favor.
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> "The answer to that is in the negative. Before any brother can receive any degree in a Lodge of which he is not a member, he must be regularly affiliated to that Lodge in accordance with its bye-laws; or a request must have been received from the Master and Wardens of his own Lodge for the degree to be conferred as a favor without affiliation.
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> "Though the mark is not specified in Grand Lodge Law, No. 191, it is the use and wont of Scottish Lodges to follow the same precedure

as with the other degrees, and there is no warrant anywhere in Grand Lodge Laws for degrees to be conferred on visitors in any other way."

£2,615 were distributed among two hundred and thirty-five annuitants during last year.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

R.W. Bro. David Reid.. . . . . ..Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

135th Annual. Charleston, Dec. 12th, 1911.

Two special Communications of this Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of laying the corner stones of a school building and of a Methodist Episcopal Church South. The official duties were performed by M.W. Bro. James R. Johnson, Grand Master.

At the conclusion of each ceremony, in accordance with the ancient custom of the order, a collection was taken from all Masons present, to be used for helping any workman who might be injured while working on the building.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Johnson in his introductory remarks pays this concise world-embracing tribute to Masonry:—

"The Masonic Creed is brief and all-embracing—'the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man.'

"Fraternity!
With all the word conveys of want relieved,
Of friendship, help and sympathy, both given and received.
Comrades to all the world, we stand, as men full oft have stood,
But pledge, instead of King or State, the Bond of Brotherhood."

"It has been truly said that the Masonic Institution is 'a great fact.' It has remained unchanged and unchangeable. 'Faithful among the faithless, firm among the faltering, steadfast in its purpose, eternal in its unostentatious devotion.' No grander motto could be inscribed upon the altar of Masonry than the simple words, 'I still live.'

"Such a glorious inheritance should 'prick the sides of our intent,' inspire us with greater sincerity in our work, and move us on to

nobler deeds. We are Masons not for what we get, but for what we may do for others.

"Our Lodge is an organization of Architects. Labor is the keystone of the Arch. It behooves us then to be up and doing, for "Art is long, and Time is fleeting,"

"For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled,
Our todays and yesterdays,
Are the blocks with which we build."

Under the head of Physical Qualifications of Candidates he recommended that the Constitution be amended to read thus:—

"That every candidate for initiation in the Jurisdiction must be a man, freeborn, of mature and discreet age, having no maim or defect in his body or mind that may render him incapable of learning and practicing the Art, and who can comply literally with all the requirements as to initiation ceremonies without artificial aid or friendly assistance."

Grand Lodge decided to submit this question to all the subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction with the request that they instruct their representative how to vote. This proposed amendment is therefore left for consideration at the next Annual Communication.

This Grand Lodge is introducing the system of card records of the membership of the subordinate Lodges. This system has been adopted by many Grand Lodges and heartily approved of by the Grand Secretaries who have tried it.

The usual contribution of $100 was sent to the Secretary of the Washington Memorial Association.

Dispensations were issued authorizing the formation of eight new Lodges.

Many interesting questions were submitted to M.W. Bro. Johnson for his ruling thereon.

We have selected the following:—

"1. The Master of a Lodge ruled that a candidate who refused to remove a ring, for sentimental reasons, could not receive the E.A degree."

I upheld the ruling of the Worshipful Master.

"3. A candidate for Masonry who has been operated on for appendicitis has petitioned our Lodge for admission. Will this operation disqualify him physically for admission into our Order."

Ruled, that if the operation has been successful, and has not resulted in impairing the health of the candidate, so as to interfere with his compliance of the requirements of his initiation, then the application can be entertained.

"7. Our Senior Warden moved away and cannot attend to the duties of his office. Shall we elect one in his place, or appoint a pro tem. at every Communication?"

Answer: There is no such thing as a resignation in Masonry, and the fact of your Senior Warden having moved away does not create a vacancy in his office, and the W.M. will have to fill his place from time to time by appointment, and your Lodge cannot permanently fill his place until your next Annual Communication.

10. Asked for ruling on the following by the W.M. of a Lodge: "In the midst of the balloting for a member for advancement to the F.C. degree, a worthy brother M.M. asked admission. I suspended the ballot and admitted him. After full instruction as to the ballot spread I permitted him to ballot on the advancement. Did I do right or wrong?"

I ruled that it is within the province of a Worshipful Master to admit any brother at any time that he may see fit. The intention of the Code that no brother should enter the Lodge room during ceremonies is very obvious. It is intended to keep belated members from interrupting the ceremonies, and, of course, as no one can be admitted without permission of the W.M., naturally he would not permit the ceremonies to be interrupted unnecessarily.

31. "Can a Lodge working Under Dispensation admit a brother Master Mason on a dimit of several years' standing?"

I ruled that it would not be proper to receive a petition from a brother Master Mason on a dimit. The prerogatives of a Lodge Under Dispensation are very limited, and consist of "Entering, Passing and Raising of Freemasons according to the Ancient Constitutions of the Order, and the custom and usages of the Craft, and the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina, and not otherwise."

The eighteen D.D.G.M's in their reports state that the condition of Masonry in their several districts is prosperous and that harmony prevails amongst the membership.

An historic committee was appointed to prepare a history of the Grand Lodge and also of the various subordinate Lodges of South Carolina, con-

tinuing the work from the period at which it was laid down by that great Masonic historian Mackey.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home report having funds in the Treasury to the amount of $62,367.90, an increase of $15,555.59 since one year ago. While gratified by this large increase over last year they urge the necessity of postponing the establishment of the Home until they have ample funds in hand to support it without going in debt.

The Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions were reviewed by Bro. J. L. Mishie, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Geo. S. Mower..... .....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. O. Frank Hart.... ....Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA

37th Annual. Chamberlain, June 13th, 1911.

Five emergent communications were held during the year, two of which were for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Temples.

The Masonic bodies of South Dakota have in round numbers about five hundred thousand dollars invested in buildings used by them, in whole or in part, in Masonic work. In Yankton, Sioux Falls, Madison, Arlington, Redfield, Aberdeen, Webster, Chamberlain, Groton and Hurley, they own buildings devoted exclusively to Masonic work. In Vermillion, Springfield, Deadwood, Lead, Flandreau, Milbank, Brookings, Miller, Huron, Scotland, Andover, Mellette, Faulkton, and Selby, they own buildings, of which parts are used for rent and other parts for Masonic work.

The Mayor of Chamberlain welcomed the officers and brethren of Grand Lodge in a neat speech. Referring to their city, he said:—

"This being our home, we naturally think it is the best place on earth. We are something like the old Dutchman who always wanted the best place. He and his good old wife had lived many years in the old home, they had reared a large family of boys and girls, but now they were all married and gone, and no one remained in the old home but the old couple. One hot summer evening, they sat upon the porch of the old house. They were lonely and blue as they sat thinking of the happy days that were gone; neither spoke for a long time. Finally the old woman said, 'I vish I vas in heaven.' The old man looked

at her a moment, the perspiration running down his fat old face. He too had been thinking of some place where he would like to be, and said, 'Mudder, I vish I vas down in the brewery.' Mudder gave him one withering look and said, 'Jacob that vas shust like you. You always vant the best place.'"

M.W. Bro. Samuel S. Lockhart, Grand Master, begins his annual address with these beautiful lines:—

"This life we live, we make it,
You and I,
Would you make your life to live
By and by?
Plant the seeds of virtue there;
Tend and water them with care,
For the fruitage they will bear
By and by.

When we are dead and gone—
You and I—
E'en our names forgotten be,
By and by,
Then some good that we have done,
Some kind act, some mercy shown,
Will live on, and on, and on,
By and by.

In that place beyond the stars,
You and I,
Will yet gather 'round God's throne
By and by,
If the Master's voice we'll hear
'In my name ye spread good cheer,'
Oh what bliss will be our share
By and by."

During the year, the Reaper of Death called from labor to rest, three Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

We must confess that we were somewhat surprised to learn that no systematic record of the history of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota has yet been kept. The task will now be a difficult one but "better late than never".

Under the heading of Dispensations we quote the following, in which we heartily concur:—

> "I refused to grant all applications for dispensations to accept petitions and confer degrees on candidates before they had resided the required time within the jurisdiction of the Lodge. This class of applications come principally from the new Lodges who seem to be over anxious to do work or increase their membership. I have tried to impress upon such Lodges that a good candidate would keep three or four months longer, while a poor one would not; hence, there was no hurry. A candidate who is not willing to wait, and will not bear one year's acquaintance is not worth having. We don't want him."

Eight dispensations for new Lodges were granted during the year. There are now one hundred and twenty-eight Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a total membership of eight thousand nine hundred and one. The returns show a net gain of five hundred and seventy-seven for the year.

M.W. Bro. Charles L. Brockway.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE

97th Annual. Nashville, Jan. 25th, 1911.

A Special Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee was held in the Masonic Temple, Nashville, on Sept. 28th, 1910, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of Freemasons' Hall which was being erected by the Grand Lodge.

At the completion of the ceremonies M.W. Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll delivered an inspiring address. After referring at some length to the early history of Masonry in the State, he said:—

> "This item of our local history well serves to illustrate the character and general history of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. The royal virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity are the very inspiration of Masonic living—Faith in God, Hope of the life immortal and Charity for all mankind. These virtues we profess and inculcate as fundamental in mortal life. And whatever individuals may do, however short of fulfilling their profession weak and erring men may be, the corporate life of Fraternity has ever illustrated them.

"Freemasons as a body, obedient to the Ancient Charges, have been 'just and true to holy church,' in whatever land they live, and whether Jew, Christian, Mohammedan, Parsee or Buddhist. Their history extending back for four hundred years records no act of persecution for opinion's sake.

"Freemasonry never held an inquisition, piled or lighted a fagot, racked or tortured a human victim. Against these practices, and such as these, she has always raised the voice of protest, in the nineteenth as in the sixteenth century. She has instilled into her disciples the practice of the virtues of Temperance, Prudence, Fortitude and Justice; has practised Friendship and Brotherly Love, and in sermon and song has taught 'how beautiful and how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

To comply with the provisions of the Constitution the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was opened in the Masonic Temple in the city of Nashville on Wednesday, Jan. 25th, and then called from labor to refreshment until March 8th, when the Masonic Temple would be completed and the Fraternity could then hold their meeting in their own building and arrange to dedicate the Temple during the sessions of Grand Lodge.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present when Grand Lodge resumed labor on March the 8th.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting record of his official acts during the year. The following rulings will prove of interest to the Craft:—

"3. One of our members, a Master Mason, has denied the authenticity of the Bible, and says it is no more than the almanac, or any other old book. Was this a violation of the Masonic law?

"Answer.—I refer you to Edict No. 63, which forbids the Grand Master making an official ruling except upon such questions as actually exist before some subordinate Lodge. And as there seems to be no charges preferred, I simply refer you to Edict No. 63.

"4. A brother (minister of the Gospel) has presented a petition for membership to our Lodge, accompanied by his dimit from another Lodge, which is in due form. Shall the petition be referred to a committee in same manner as one for initiation or not?

"Answer.—Yes. It should take exactly the same course.

"7. One of our members has moved to Paducah, Kentucky, and is now engaged in the whiskey business as salesman. Is he violating Edict No. 61, and should charges be preferred against him? He is not a citizen of Tennessee, but he is still a member of our Lodge.

"Answer.—Yes. While he is not a citizen of Tennessee, yet he is a member of your Lodge, and charges can certainly be preferred in his home Lodge, of which he is a member.

"23. Is it a violation of any edict of the Grand Lodge for a Mason to be engaged or employed by the government as a gauger in a distillery?

"Answer.—No.

"26. We have a dimitted brother who committed a grave offence while residing within the jurisdiction of our Lodge, but he has since removed to Chattanooga, before the Lodge had time to take any action. Please advise if our Lodge still has jurisdiction.

"Answer.—I think your Lodge should prefer charges against the brother and ask one of the Chattanooga Lodges to try the case, as it would be necessary for your Lodge to furnish the proof."

Grand Master Byrn, in the discharge of his official duties, travelled nearly 10,000 miles, requiring ninety days of his time. He made one hundred visits and conferred more than seventy degrees.

Four Lodge rooms were dedicated and the corner stones of eleven buildings laid during the year.

Referring to the decorum of members of subordinate Lodges while in session the Grand Master says:—

"My attention has been called, on more than one occasion, to a reform that is sorely needed among the Masons of Tennessee. It is the loose manner in which the brethren conduct themselves while their Lodges are in session. In most of them there is so much freedom allowed that license has taken the place of dignity. The brethren remove their coats from their backs, and forget to remove their pipes and cigars from their mouths. In many cases Lodge rooms are made to resemble the smoking room of an hotel or the smoking car of a passenger train. This should not be so. If there is a place on earth next to the Church of God where reverence should be found and dignity should be observed, it is in that place where a Masonic Meeting is in session. I recommend that in all our subordinate Lodges the Worshipful Master set a good example in this direction, and that he require the brethren to deport themselves in an orderly, dignified and reverent manner while the Lodge is in session. We dress ourselves in going to church, but many reverse the process and undress in going to the Lodge room. If we inaugurate this reform we will respect ourselves more and will attract larger crowds of the best members to our meetings."

And again:—

"There is one other matter to which I desire to direct your attention. The strongest portion of the foundation upon which Masonry stands is reverence for the Divine Being, the Grand Master of the great Universe in which he operates. No man can be a Mason unless he believes in God and looks to him in worship. This being true, the the name of God should be sacred to every member of our beloved brotherhood. It should never be lightly considered even in our thinking, and should never fall from our lips except in worship or adoration. Any man who takes this Holy name in vain is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason. Such a thing as profanity should be as foreign to the members of our Order as it would be for us to neglect a needy brother.

"It would be gratifying to your retiring Grand Master if this Grand Lodge should put itself on record as being unalterably and eternally opposed to this thoughtless and sinful practice. I would like to have an expression along this line, and with this end in view, I call on every loyal member of this Lodge who will, from this time forward, agree with me to put forth his best efforts to break up the practice of profanity in our Order, to rise and stand until you can be seen."

The total number of Masons in this State in 1901 was 17,770; last year it was 24,802.

Grand Lodge passed a resolution commending and appreciating the good work done by the order of the Eastern Star.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report on the Grand Master's address:—

"The official labors of Grand Master Byrn during the past year have been abundant beyond precedent in this Grand Jurisdiction. Besides giving his personal attention, as Chairman of the Building Committee, to the selection and correction of the plans for this structure, and negotiating with the several contractors, and advising almost daily with the Superintendent of Construction by means of all which thousands of dollars have been saved to the Fraternity in the erection of this commodious and convenient edifice for the use of the Fraternity in its Grand Communications, our Grand Master has travelled ten thousand miles and made more than one hundred visitations, and aroused the interest of the brethren in our Home and its endowment, and performed the other functions of his great office with assiduous fidelity.

"Whatever the future may have in store for him, he can always look back to the year of our Lord, 1910, as the busiest and most fruitful of his life; and the Fraternity, while occupying with enjoyment this noble structure, will recall with grateful remembrance the fruitful labors of this tireless Operative Grand Master of Tennessee."

The Committee on Ways and Means submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"1. We recommend that the Grand Lodge continue its membership in the General Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the membership fee.

"We recommend that the sum of $200.00 be appropriated and paid to Past Grand Master H. A. Chambers for writing the report on correspondence.

"3. We recommend that the sum of $400.00 be appropriated and paid to brother Chas. H. Byrn, Grand Master, for his expenses during the year 1910.

"4. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the several Grand Officers, Grand Lecturers, and Chairman for the Endowment Committee with stationery and stamped envelopes for their use during the year.

"5. We recommend that the sum of $100.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appointed to pay for painting the portrait of Grand Master Chas. H. Byrn.

"6. We recommend that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to insure the property of the Grand Lodge in the sum of $20,000.00 on the building; $2,500.00 on the furniture, and $100.00 on each portrait, and that he be instructed to pay the amount of the premium thereon."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by P.G.M. Henry A. Chambers. From it we learn that:—

"In 1910, according to the statistics, the total number of Masons in the United States was 1,317,123, a net gain of 67,901 within a year; in the British American States the number was 72,194, a gain of 3,743. These two countries, United States and British America, of congenial Masonic association, had, together, 1,389,317 Masons, members of Lodges, which included a net gain of 71,644, being over five per cent. (5%) within a year.

"The membership is not given in the Proceedings of England, Scotland, Ireland and some of the British colonies so as to enable us to

give the number of the English speaking Masons of the world—but such statistics as we have indicate that the Fraternity continues to grow in members. The only countries showing a loss in membership are South Africa, which sustained a loss of 84, and Western Australia, where the loss was 59."

M.W. Bro. John R. Rison.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. John B. Garrett.....Grand Secretary.

UTAH

40th Annual. Salt Lake City, Jan. 17th, 1911.

M.W. Bro. Chas. B. Jack, Grand Master, presided, and was aided by the wisdom and advice of sixteen Past Grand Masters. When the roll was called by the Grand Secretary it was ascertained that thirteen out of the fourteen chartered Lodges in the jurisdiction were represented.

The increase in membership was one hundred and forty-one, the largest of any year except 1874. The total number of members is one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-nine.

The Grand Master visited each constituent Lodge at least once, and either conferred a degree himself or witnessed the work performed by the officers of the Lodge.

In his opinion souvenir gavels presented on occasions when the Grand Lodge officiated at corner stone layings, belonged to the Grand Lodge and not to the officer who happened to preside and should be placed in the archives where they would constitute valuable Masonic record.

He recommends Worshipful Masters of constituent Lodges to appoint an examining committee, who would be on hand at each subsequent meeting of the month an hour earlier than the meeting time to examine any who may wish to visit. Thus both the visitor and the committee could be in the Lodge during its session.

The number of Masons in the United States per one hundred thousand population is lowest in the State of Utah (439.26) and highest in Maine (3,963.51).

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

1. "That from and after this date, all proposed Standing Resolutions, and all proposed Amendments to the By-Laws, and all Decisions of the Grand Master during the current year up to that time, shall be

submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary at least thirty-five days before the Annual Communication at which such proposed Standing Resolutions, or such proposed Amendments to the By-Laws, may, or shall, be introduced or considered; and that the Grand Secretary shall, at least thirty days before each Annual Communication, transmit to the Secretary of each of the constituent Lodges, and likewise to the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Lodge, a copy of such proposed Standing Resolutions, and such proposed Amendments to the By-Laws, and Grand Master's Decisions, so submitted to the Grand Secretary since the last Annual Communication, together with a memorandum of all unfinished business which may have been left over from the last preceding Annual Communication; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be considered as preventing the Grand Lodge from suspending the foregoing Standing Resolutions.

2. "No visiting brother shall be permitted to visit a Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction unless he can and does produce written evidence under the seal of his Lodge that he is in good standing; and said evidence must be attested by the Grand Secretary's signature and the seal of the Grand Lodge under which the Lodge of the visitor is working."

Rt. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, a veteran in Freemasonry, was elected unanimously Grand Secretary for the 41st time. He is also Librarian and a Knight of the Round Table. His reports evince a true Masonic spirit. We hope he may yet be spared for many years to carry on the work committed to his charge.

M.W. Bro. Gilbert Benjamin Pfoutz . . . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Christopher Diehl. . . . . Grand Secretary.

VERMONT

118th Annual. Burlington, June 14th, 1911.

Grand Master Ballou and his officers laid the corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Brattleboro, and at the conclusion of the ceremony W. Rev. A. J. Hough, Grand Chaplain, read an original poem on "The Master Builder's Word." This poem appears in full in the proceedings and is well worthy of a prominent place there.

The address of the Grand Master is a concise, business like presentation of his official acts during the year.

He pays loving tribute to the memory of Bro. Daniel S. Danforth, who was a member of Grand Lodge for eighteen years.

He recalls the past History of Masonry in Vermont fifty years ago, when a civic cloud of gloom hung over the republic, but rejoices now that this cloud has been entirely dispelled, and that peace reigns throughout this State.

Reports show that the Fraternity is increasing in numbers, wealth, influence and usefulness.

The number of chartered Lodges is one hundred and three.

The total number of Master Masons is 12,931, being a net gain of 204 over the previous year.

Grand Lodge decided to present their Past Grand Masters with aprons as well as with the jewel of their office.

They voted an appropriation of $100.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Association and $65.00 to the Masonic Relief Association.

Tangible recognition was made of the faithful services of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The work of the thirteen District Deputy Grand Masters is reported as having been faithfully performed.

The report of the Committee on Necrology is an excellent one. Kindly recognition is made of links broken in the chain of brotherhood by the departure from this life of many distinguished brethren who occupied the Grand East with credit to themselves and much benefit to the Craft. We repeat a few of the quotations used.

"They died, as men call dead;
But dying, liveth yet,
And giveth life instead.
Can God forget
Where his beloved sleep?
Faint not! Will he not keep?"

"Age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, though in another dress
And as the evening twilight fades away
The sky is filled with stars invisible by day."

"Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom,
A shadow on those features fair and thin;
And softly, from that hushed and darkened room,
Two angels issued, where but one went in."

"The good deeds left behind them
Will form a chain to bind them
To us who linger here;
And, oh! the love of knowing
The good they've sown in growing
And the harvest from their sowing
Increasing every circling year."

Alberta, 1910, receives fraternal recognition at the hands of Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M.W. Bro. Henry L. Ballou.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Henry H. Ross.....Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA

(Australia)

Melbourne, 1911.

Quarterly Communications were held.

M.W. Bro. Sir T. D. Gibson Carmichael, Bart., Grand Master, in his address said:—

"The year just passed has been one of steady progress. The number of financial members has increased by 457, making a total of 11,728 on 31st December, 1910.

"The funds have increased by £3,491, 18s. 8d., making the total funds at the same date £25,280, 12s. 7d.

"The debt upon our Freemasons' Hall property has been reduced by £2,000, leaving a balance of £16,000 to be paid.

"These figures indicate progress and prosperity, but more important still is the work of promoting unity and unanimity which is indicated by the work of the Grand Inspector of Workings and his 25 Assistant Inspectors, whose reports bring before us the excellent work

which is being done to assist the Lodges to arrive at a uniform standard of ritual work, and at the same time bring all the Lodges, and the Grand Lodge, into more intimate relation with each other.

"The year has had its sorrows as well as its pleasures, and the brethren will recall with deep regret the loss the fraternity has suffered by the death of our Protector and Past Grand Master, his late Majesty King Edward the Seventh. Our united sorrow was expressed in a service held in this hall in May last, when the Lodge of Sorrow was so largely attended by the brethren.

"We are now preparing to perpetuate the memory of our great King by establishing a fund to endow the 'King Edward VII. Memorial Scholarship Fund.' This we hope to see fully subscribed, and placed upon a permanent footing during the current year."

At the Quarterly Communication held in June, Grand Lodge adopted the following recommendation:—

"1. That the Memorial should take the form of establishing a fund to provide Scholarships for the children of Freemasons; and

"2. That a capital fund of at least £2,000 should be raised as the basis of the scheme, of which Grand Lodge should be asked to contribute £250, and an appeal made to all Lodges in the territory, and the individual members to subscribe."

A satisfactory response has already been made; 147 Lodges having subscribed £396, 12s. 0d. The total amount subscribed or promised was £1,077, 2s. 9d.

The following report of the Committee on the recognition of Great Bodies was approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The report begins as follows:—

"Among the important questions engaging the attention of the Masonic world, there is, perhaps, none more difficult of solution, so as to bring satisfactory results, than that of the recognition of Grand Bodies, and especially those in foreign countries, because of differences in governments, religions, nationalities and education. And this Grand Jurisdiction is constantly embarrassed because of no settled policy as to the controlling facts for and against the recognition of other jurisdictions.

"With the hope that at least, this Grand Lodge might settle for itself some of the points of difference, as to which Masonic writers and jurists are in dispute, and reach something of a general conclusion as a basis for the recognition of foreign Grand Bodies, the Grand Master,

since our last Annual Communication, appointed the undersigned as a special committee to investigate and report on the subject; and to the subject your committee has devoted much time and thought, and it may be well to state at the outset that the Masonic world, on this important matter, is deeply exercised, and in hopeless conflict of sentiment.

"With the absolute independence of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and the impracticability of concerted action on the subject, nothing more may reasonably be expected than that each Grand Jurisdiction will seek a proper solution of the matter, for its own guidance, and indulge the hope that continued thought and comparison of conclusions may lead to the highest attainable degree of harmony and good results."

After dealing at length with some phases of the question, the report proceeds:—

"It may be of interest to say that there are, approximately, 131 Grand Jurisdictions in the world, of which 58 are in North America; and of the 131 Jurisdictions, all but 21 are regular—that is, trace their lineage from the Mother Grand Lodge of England. In some of the 110 Jurisdictions that we speak of as regular, it is true there are Lodges authorized by Councils and Orient; but they are small, both as to number and importance, and the 110 regular Grand Lodges or Jurisdictions are dispersed very generally over the civilized world, barring France, Spain and Italy.

"We do not over-reach in saying that the symbolic Masonry of the world, in its ancient and accepted sense, has, for its treasure house, and its legitimate means for the diffusion of its principles and teachings, the Lodge organizations that trace their title and authority back to English ancestry, the Mother Grand Lodge of England. We are forced to the alternative of accepting that as the only legitimate source of Lodge authority, or of adopting the plural system of original authority, and of recognizing as legitimate any Symbolic Masonic body, if acceptable in its teachings and practice."

The report concludes as follows:—

"To the end that there may be something definite as a basis for your action, your committee make the following recommendations:

"First: That it is the judgment and conclusion of this Grand Lodge, that Grand Lodge authority and legitimacy is derived from the consent and action of subordinate Lodges.

"Second: That the legitimacy of a subordinate Lodge depends

upon its being able to trace its lineage from the parent Grand Lodge of England or the British Isles.

"Third: We recommend that a permanent Committee of Grand Lodge recognition be appointed by the Grand Master, to consist of three members."

The proceedings contain a detailed account of the work done during the year, but includes little of interest to those without its own Grand Jurisdiction.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.W. Bro. Sir T. D. Gibson Carmichael, Bart. . . . Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Chas. Jas. Barrow . . . . . Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA

133rd Annual. Richmond, February 14th, 1911.

This Grand Lodge has the proud distinction of being the Senior Grand Lodge of America.

A picture of the Grand Secretary appears on the frontispiece of the printed proceedings at the request of the Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. W. B. McChesney in reviewing the work of the past year states:—

"This has been a year abundant in advantages to the Craft. Our increase in membership is marked; the contribution to our charity have been larger than ever before. From every quarter comes the glad tidings of prosperity in the Subordinate Lodges; that interest in the ritual is growing, and that there are today more proficient Masons than ever known in the history of the Grand Lodge. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and not once during the year have I had to interpose my authority to adjust differences."

With reference to the Washington Memorial he says:—

"On February 22, 1910, by invitation, I attended the preliminary meeting held in Alexandria, Va., for the purpose of forming a National Association to erect 'a Memorial to Washington, the Mason.' It was an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting, and reflected credit upon the Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, which originated and called the meeting. There were present eighteen accredited representatives of Grand Lodges of the United States. A plan was formulated and

adopted, looking to the permanent organization, and for which purpose a meeting is called to meet in Alexandria, February 22, 1911. This is an association, having for its purpose and object that which should appeal to every Mason in America; for it is to honor Worshipful Brother George Washington, and demonstrate that he lives in the hearts of Masons as well as those of his countrymen. There will be presented to you at this communication a full exposition of the objects of the association, and I trust that you will be ready and willing to join with your sister Grand Jurisdictions and give it your hearty approval. The Mother State and the Masonic Mother of this illustrious brother should enthusiastically approve, and with hand and heart join in the movement."

From the many decisions required from the Grand Master on physical qualifications of candidates we conclude that Virginia must have more than its quota, of "the halt, the lame, and the blind."

Permission to nine Lodges to hold public installation of their officers was granted by the Grand Master.

The work in this Grand Jurisdiction is supervised by both Lecturers and District Deputy Grand Masters.

Two hundred and twenty-four pages of the printed proceedings are taken up with the lists of Lodges and their officers, Past Masters, and members.

This must prove a valuable aid in keeping a check on the membership.

Alberta, 1910, is briefly reviewed by M.W. Bro. Eggleston, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M.W. Bro. W. B. McChestney..... .....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Carrington.....Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON

54th Annual. Spokane, June 13th, 1911.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. Jeremiah Neterer. He had the support and council of sixteen Past Grand Masters who were present on that occasion.

Rev. Bro. Wm. J. Hendley, W.M. of Spokane Lodge No. 34, and Mayor of the city of Spokane, welcomed the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Masons of Spokane and tendered the freedom of the city.

The Grand Master in his annual address commends the formation of Masters' and Wardens' Clubs such as now exist in the city of Seattle.

> "The Masters and Wardens meet once a month, touch elbows, become personally acquainted with each other and with the workings of the Craft in their respective Lodges, discuss matters of general interest to Masonry. Every phase of the work and every influence that relates to the Craft is discussed. Discussions which are of interest and instructive, are invited. I believe that if Masters' and Wardens' Clubs could be organized in every large city where there are several Lodges, much good would result."

It will always remain a debatable question whether the Lecture System or the Deputy System will bring better results. Very much depends upon whom the responsibility is placed.

M.W. Bro. Neterer favors the appointment of Lecturers.

We make no apology for quoting at some length from the eloquent address delivered by W. Bro. Jno. W. Flesher, Grand Orator.

Referring to the social features of our Order, he says:—

> "We are social beings. Our social being and operation in a sphere of action contributes and is necessary to our happiness. 'If we could suppose ourselves transported,' says Cicero, 'by some divinity into solitude, replete with all the delicacies with which the heart of man could desire, but excluded at the same time from every possible intercourse with his own kind, there is not a person in all the world of so unsocial and savage a temper as to be capable, in these forlorn circumstances, of relishing any enjoyment.' Nothing is more true than what the philosopher Archytas is reported to have said: 'If a man were carried up into heaven and see all the beauties of universal nature spread out before him, he would receive little pleasure from the wonderful scenes unless there were some person to whom he could relate its glories.' Human nature is so constituted as to be incapable of solitary satisfactions. A man of such turn of mind as the acrimonious Timon of Athens must have at least one person to whom he could pour out the rancor and virulence of his own heart.
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> "Society is necessary as well as natural to us. With us men are equal; we meet on a common level; we do not, however, apply this equally to their virtues, their talents, their dispositions or their acquirements. In these respects there is always great inequality among men; under the constitution of society it could hardly be otherwise. In the moral world and political as well as in the natural world diversity forms

an important part of beauty, and as of beauty so of utility likewise. Social happiness which arises from the friendly intercourse of good offices could not be enjoyed unless men were so framed and so disposed as mutually to afford and to be in need of service and assistance. Hence arises the necessity, not only of a great variety, but even of great inequality in the talents of men bodily and mentally. Masonry supposes mutual dependence, mutual dependence implies mutual wants. All our social exercises may be reduced to two divisions, namely, that of giving and receiving.

The points of Masonic fellowship are well stated in Pope's lines:—

"Heaven, forming each on other to depend,
Bid each on other for assistance call,
Till one brother's weakness grows the strength of all
Wants, frailties, passions still ally
The common interest or endearing tie.
To these we owe true friendship, love sincere,
Each homefelt joy, that life inherits here."

Alberta, 1910, receives a brief but kindly reference in M.W. Bro. Chadwick's report.

M.W. Bro. David S. Prescott.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Horace W. Tyler.....Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

11th Annual. Perth, April 27th, 1911.

Quarterly Communications are also held.

Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., Lord Bishop of Perth, was elected Grand Master for the eighth term.

A special Communication and In Memoriam Service for His Late Majesty King Edward VII., Protector of Freemasonry and Patron of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, was held in St. George's Hall, Perth, on Friday, May 20th, 1910, at which there was passed a unanimous motion of sympathy to the Queen Mother, His Majesty the King and the Members of the Royal Family.

At its first Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge adopted the following recommendation of the Board of General Purposes:—

"That for the future no brother who has held rank in another Constitution, and who joins a Lodge under this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to any Past Rank whatever except under special circumstances and in cases of particular merit, of which Grand Lodge shall be the sole judge."

An especial appeal was made by the Grand Master for financial support on behalf of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund whose object is:—

"1. To grant annuities to Aged Freemasons or their widows, so that their declining years may be rendered comfortable and happy.

"2. To make grants to assist in the education and clothing of the children of Masons requiring relief.

"3. To make grants to assist in the advancement in life of the children of Masons requiring relief, such as apprenticing them to trades, etc."

The capital sum on hand for this purpose is now £3,200.

In addition to this fund they have the usual Benevolent Fund supported by assessment imposed by the Constitution for the purpose of affording temporary relief to brethren who have suffered misfortune, and have distributed during the eleven years in benevolence £4,640, of which £1,570 has been given to cases from other Constitutions.

The congratulations of Grand Lodge were extended to M.W. Bro. Sir Winthrop Hackett, Past Grand Master, on the distinguished honor of Knighthood recently conferred upon him by his Majesty the King.

For nine years in succession not a single Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction was in arrears of dues to Grand Lodge. We heartily congratulate the Grand Secretary upon this enviable record.

In 1900, when this Grand Lodge was formed, there were thirty-three Lodges with a total membership of 2,000. Now there are ninety Lodges with a membership of 3,733.

Two new Lodges were added to the roll during the year.

Speaking of misunderstandings, the Grand Master says:—

"Going through life, the more interests in various phases of work for God and country crowd upon a busy man, the more difficulties have to be faced. One of the worst is being misunderstood. It is impossible, for instance, to rule without at times appearing to be harsh. It is impossible to work on committees without some imagining that one is thinking of one's own interests, and so on. Now, it is a great

advantage to know that at least among Masons, we shall be given credit for good intentions, and when actions seem doubtful, the best construction will at least be put upon those actions. In a country where all sorts of irresponsible people make all sorts of unproven accusations, it does sweeten life to know that there is more honor and generosity among Freemasons."

The Board of General Purposes met thirteen times during the year. They reported that:—

A communication had been received from the Grand Lodge of South Australia stating that the Masters' and Wardens' Association of that Jurisdiction had submitted to them the following resolution:—

"That it is advisable that some other method of candidates pledging their fidelity be adopted than by kissing the V.S.L."

The communication went on to say:—

"This was not meant in any shape or form to dispense with the Sacred Writings but from hygienic reasons, that some other method should be adopted than that which is now customary, viz., hundreds, and possibly thousands, saluting the V.S.L. on the same page year after year. A suggestion has been made that a small, inexpensive V.S.L. be procured for each candidate, and after he has attained his M.M. degree he should be presented with it."

The communication enquired if the Grand Lodge of Western Australia had ever considered or taken any action in the matter, and a reply was sent to the effect that it had not. The Board, however, was deeply impressed with the importance of the question, and gave the subject its earnest consideration at different meetings, with the result that it now submits the following recommendations to Grand Lodge for adoption:—

"1. That the Grand Lodge direct that a separate copy of the V.S.L. be provided for each candidate whereon to take his several obligations.

"2. That, in the event of the foregoing recommendation being agreed to, Grand Lodge do supply all Lodges with copies of the V.S.L. free of charge."

The motion to adopt this clause in their report was put and lost.

Grand Secretary Stevenson, in his report, says:—

"I would again draw attention to the practice which has grown up during recent years of Masters holding over candidates for a month

or longer, pending further investigation or for some other reason. Rule 158 provides that no person shall be made a Mason unless proposed at one regular meeting and balloted for at the next regular meeting. It is therefore clear that if the ballot does not take place at the first regular meeting after nomination, the candidate must be considered as having been withdrawn, and cannot be balloted for without renomination, as the first nomination has lapsed. Grand Lodge first directed attention to this in 1904 and since then at various other times, but as some Lodge officers never read any reports it is very hard to secure uniformity in practice."

Why is such haste necessary? If it requires several months for the investigating committee to find out satisfactorily the past record of the candidate we would say by all means take it.

R.W. Bro. Major G. B. Humble representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was present and received with Grand Honors.

We desire to thank Bro. McMullen for his complete and fraternal review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1910.

M.W. Bro. C. O. L. Riley, D.D. .....Grand Master.
V.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson..... .....Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

47th Annual. Charleston, Nov. 15th, 1911.

Fourteen Special Communications of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia were held during the year, the majority of which were for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings in the State. One was for the purpose of conferring the several degrees of Craft Masonry upon Hon. John Homer Holt.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 5 o'clock p.m.

A regular petition duly signed by said Holt and Brothers H. L. Broh and Chas. H. Bronson, of Huntington Lodge No. 53, as recommenders, was presented and read, whereupon, all other requirements as to balloting and time being waived by the Grand Master, the said John Homer Holt was duly prepared and introduced into a Lodge on the First Degree of Masonry and initiated as Entered Apprentice, into a Lodge on the Second Degree of Masonry and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and into a Master Mason's Lodge and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, all in due form, receiving the usual lectures and charge in each degree before proceeding with the one following.

After brief congratulatory addresses, among them one by the newly made brother, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Surely this is exceeding the "speed limit."

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The comprehensive address of Grand Master Stokes covers forty pages of closely printed matter.

He seems to object to the laying of corner stones of churches.

We quote, in full, that portion of his address referring to this question:—

> "I have issued several proxies for the laying of corner stones of churches, but confess I have had my doubts about my power to do it, but, as the Grand Masters who have preceded me have done so, I have not felt justified in refusing these requests.
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> "It will be remembered that Grand Master Showalter refused to issue a dispensation to a Lodge to attend divine service, and I followed in his footsteps in that particular, but the question as to whether or not we should lay a corner stone of a church is a matter which presents considerable difficulties. We are supposed to lay the corner stone of public buildings, and a church is not, in my opinion, such a public building for which we are justified in laying corner stones. We are never asked, as far as I know, to lay the corner stone of a Jewish Synagogue, or a Catholic Church, but we lay the corner stones of Methodist, Baptist and other churches. As I understand it, a public building is one in which every person has the same rights, and this is not true of a denominational church—an Episcopalian has no business in a Presbyterian Church, nor has a Baptist any right in a Methodist Church. Therefore, I should suggest that this Grand Lodge express its opinion in regard to the matter and settle this question for all time, my view being that a church is not such a public building as we are allowed by the landmarks of the Craft to supervise the laying of a corner stone. If we cannot attend divine service, and the Grand Lodge has held we cannot, why should we lay the corner stone of an edifice in which services are held?"

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred this portion of the address, reported as follows:—

> "We do not agree with the suggestion of the M.W. Grand Master that orthodox churches are not of that order or kind that should be classed as 'public buildings,' and consequently, it is doubtful whether

the Masonic fraternity has the authority to lay the corner stones thereof. From time immemorial it has been its custom to perform this ceremonial rite, which, coupled with the fact that church edifices are always open, at stated times, for all persons who desire to worship therein, we are of the opinion that such customs should not be abandoned."

The Grand Master also recommends that the recognition of the Grand Lodge be withdrawn from the Order of the Eastern Star and that they be forbidden to meet in Masonic Lodge Rooms. He says it is just as much an independent order as that of the Odd-Fellows or the Knights of Pythias, and quotes at length from the Foreign Correspondence Report of Western Australia in justification of his recommendation.

He also thinks that it is desirable that all Grand Masters should be re-elected at least once. While it may delay the promotion of very worthy brethren, we believe that the interests of Grand Lodge would profit thereby.

The Grand Master reports a long list of subordinate Lodges whose officers cannot do the work creditably.

Immediate steps should be taken to remedy this.

Two dispensations for new Lodges were issued during the year.

Now for the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge every county in the State has one or more working Lodges.

The Committee on Charity recommended a system of co-operation with the subordinate Lodges in the dispensing of funds for this purpose, and that 10 cents per capita be set apart to maintain such a fund.

The number of chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is 143; members 14,874; gain during the year 806.

The address of Past Grand Master Geo. W. Atkinson is in every respect an admirable one. We regret that lack of space forbids quoting his address in full.

These two paragraphs will give our readers some indication of its excellence:—

"The principles of Freemasonry are as broad as the universe itself. It has never aided tyrants. In its light the prince and peasant disappear, and all men stand erect on the same unchanging level. Even before the Netherlands arose from the midst of the undiked waves, before England had formulated the Magna Charta, before this great government of our fathers had risen with its Declaration of Independence and its Constitution, and set on fire its beacon light of liberty which, under God, will sooner or later be reflected to all shores, Freemasonry had taught to a hundred generations of men the undying essentials of growth and freedom and law.

"Freemasonry, my brethren, has never drawn an unholy sword nor sought to hallow an unholy alter. No prisons built by its malice stand along the pathway of the happiness of man. No man demands his martyrs of its channels. No nation demands the liberty of its usurping powers. Drawing its inspiration from the Word of God, in its creed the essentials of human growth, safety, freedom and respect for law are found all along the pathway of the centuries. It laid its foundation not on Church or State, but in the affections of the human heart which renders it impregnable forever. Shall we not, my brethren, hallow it to-night, and shall we not in our heart of hearts rejoice that we worship at its holy altars?"

The Report of Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Hiram R. Howard, P.G.M.

In his review of Alberta, 1911, he commends the action of the Committee of Foreign Relations when they recommend that the work of reviewing the proceedings be entrusted to one individual. We hope that the result of this "individual's" labor will merit to some extent his approval.

M.W. Bro. John M. McConihay..... .....Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. H. R. Howard.... .... Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN

67th Annual. Milwaukee, June 13th, 1911.

This Grand Lodge has two hundred and sixty-four chartered Lodges and a total membership of over twenty-six thousand, four hundred and twenty-one, a gain of seven hundred and forty-one during the past year.

Grand Master Ernest E. Gatchell in his opening address says:—

"It is a pleasure and a satisfaction to announce that peace and prosperity have held almost undisputed sway during the past year—so much so that there is no work laid out for the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, a situation almost, if not quite, unprecedented in the history of this Grand Lodge."

We also quote in full in his remarks on correspondence during the year. They show a kindly, sympathetic and fraternal spirit.

"The correspondence with this office during the year has been in

no way burdensome, but has rather been a pleasure. It would seem that Masters should be encouraged rather than discouraged, to seek information on doubtful points. It is true that many troubles arise from a wrong interpretation of the law which might have been prevented by an inquiry addressed to the Grand Master. Masters are often admonished that an examination of the Constitution would settle disputed points without trespassing on the time of the Grand Master. I believe that this is wrong. Opinions differ in the interpretation of the law. A Grand Master's decision is final until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Many of the troubles arising in Lodges and finally referred to the Grand Master for settlement, might have been avoided by an earlier reference. No matter how trivial the question may be, if doubt exists, refer it to the Grand Master who will always be glad to help in such matters.
The following decisions are submitted:—

"1. Socials, to which the public are invited and an admission fee charged, should not be held in the Lodge room.

"2. It is lawful for a Lodge to contribute of its funds to the establishing of a hospital to furnish a room in such hospital to be used by invalid Masons, or to do any act of charity.

"3. A dimit should be granted to a brother entitled to one, though it be known that he intends to present it to another Lodge and still reside in the jurisdiction of the Lodge granting the same.

"4. An objection to initiation, addressed to the Lodge, mailed to the Secretary and by him handed to the Master, should be regarded.

"5. A brother may be installed Master of a Lodge, though his residence at the time be in another Grand Jurisdiction.

"6. Held that the fee for a special dispensation when paid by the petitioner, should be returned to such petitioner, should he be rejected."

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has distributed for charitable purposes $818.12 during the year.

They are proud of this Home method of caring for the unfortunate in contradistinction to the institutional.

The Committee on Obituaries in their report made use of the following expressive lines of Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox:—

"BEYOND

"It seemeth such a little way to me,
Across to that strange country, 'The Beyond.'
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond,
They make it seem familiar, and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant countries near.

"So close it lies that when my sight is clear,
I seem to see the gleaming of that strand;
I know I feel those who have gone from here
Come near enough to even touch my hand.
I often think but for our veiled eyes,
We would find heaven right round about us lies.

"I cannot make it seem a day to dread
When from this dear earth I shall journey out
To that still dearer country of the dead,
And join the lost ones so long dreamed about.
I love this world, yet I shall love to go
And meet the friends who wait for me, I know.

"I never stand above the bier and see
The seal of death set on some well-loved face,
But that I think—One more to welcome me
When I shall cross the intervening space
Between this land, and that one Over There;
One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair.

"And so, to me, there is no sting to death,
And so the grave has lost its victory,
It is but crossing, with suspended breath
And white, set face, a little strip of sea,
To find the loved ones on the other shore,
More beautiful, more precious than before."

M.W. Bro. Alex. E. Matheson.....Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. W. W. Perry.....Grand Secretary.

WYOMING

37th Annual. Cheyenne, Sept. 6th, 1911.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by Grand Master Hugh Hynds. Ten Past Grand Masters were present to assist and support him in his onerous duties as Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is of the usual type, and contains nothing of special interest to those without the bounds of the jurisdiction of Wyoming.

Speaking of the work of the past year, he says:—

> "The year which has passed has been marked with many substantial benefits to us as members of our great brotherhood, whose universality is as extensive as the world itself, and whose influence and power are only limited by the confines of civilization. It gives me pleasure to announce to you that peace and good fellowship has prevailed throughout this jurisdiction, and that although we have not advanced with great strides, still we are increasing in numbers and influence. We have laid our Masonic foundation good and strong, and are building the superstructure upon it with care and deliberation, and upon the broad principles of morality, virtue and truth. Our financial condition and membership continue to improve and we may by economy and thrift confidently look forward to the accomplishment of some Masonic undertaking which will prove of lasting benefit to the membership of this Grand Lodge and Grand Jurisdiction."

For a quarter of a century Grand Secretary Kuykendall has fulfilled the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of this Grand Lodge and was presented with a fine scarf pin and sleeve buttons set with diamonds as a token of the confidence and good will of the members of Grand Lodge.

There are thirty Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, with a total membership of 2,639, an increase of 85 over that of the previous year.

No review of Alberta, 1910.

M.W. Bro. Harold Banner.....Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. William L. Kuykendall.....Grand Secretary.

What are the Landmarks of Masonry?

Masonic authorities differ. The following are

MACKEY'S TWENTY-FIVE LANDMARKS OF MASONRY

I. The modes of recognition.
II. The division of Symbolic Masonry into three degrees.
III. The Legend of the Third Degree.
IV. The government of the fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the craft.
V. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the craft, wheresoever and whensoever held.
VI. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.
VII. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for opening and holding Lodges.
VIII. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.
IX. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.
X. The government of every Lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
XI. The necessity that every Lodge, when congregated, should be duly tyled.
XII. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the craft, and to instruct his representatives.
XIII. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in Lodge convened to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
XIV. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge.
XV. That no visitor, not known to some brother present as a Mason, can enter a Lodge without undergoing an examination.
XVI. That no Lodge can interfere in the business or labor of another Lodge.
XVII. That every Freemason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
XVIII. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free born and of lawful age.
XIX. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Great Architect of the Universe.
XX. That every Mason must believe in a resurrection, of a future life.
XXI. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge.

XXII. That all men in the sight of God are equal, and meet in the Lodge on one common level.

XXIII. That Freemasonry is a secret society, in possession of secrets that cannot be divulged.

XXIV. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science founded on an operative art.

XXV. That the Landmarks of Masonry can never be changed.

"These constitute the Landmarks, or, as they have sometimes been called, 'the body of Masonry,' in which it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make the least innovation."

MACKEY.

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